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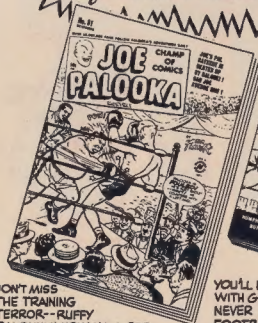
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Dear Fans:

In sports, as in any other field of endeavor, encouragement and support makes for either success or failure. Part of Babe Ruth's popularity, today, comes from the undying respect and love offered to the immortal ball player by those who saw him turn the record books inside out. As the years hurry by, the exploits of the Bambino—together with the written and spoken word which enhance his memory—win over more and more fans.

Because sports heroes have a rooting section, they can go out on the field of play and give their all. Behind every athlete there are his fans. The DiMaggio-Williams controversy would be a wet fire-cracker in an empty stadium. The whole business of sports would be just that if the papers wrote their sports only for the participants. It is because there is a raging, fiery, and interested body of fans that almost every newspaper in the country devotes a healthy portion of its coverage to sports.

Since we are making comparisons, let's go a step further. *Babe Ruth Sports* would be in a very sorry state if we talked to only a few people. That would be just like a butterfly trying to fly in a vacuum. But, fortunately we know by your wonderful letters and personal visits that we, too, have a terrific fan following which makes us go out and do our best each issue!

We feel that when a magazine undertakes the task of reporting on the doings of champions, it must be a champion of magazines. To constantly achieve this standing *Babe Ruth Sports Comics* is always on the lookout for bigger and better things. Every issue is crammed bang-full of variety—we feature *all kinds of sports!*

Besides giving you a complete picture of sports *Babe Ruth Sports* gets into the niches and crannies for you. Our stories are *real!* Accuracy is not sacrificed for artificial color. If a story is told truthfully and fully, the color will drop into place naturally. To do this job we have enlisted the support of everybody who is connected with sports and everybody who can help us to present sports—the champion's way.

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Therefore, to get back to what we said a few innings ago, fans can either make or break you. You readers have made us a champion sports magazine. Well, a champion has got to play ball with his fans. That's just what we're doing. Every issue, in anybody's league, will be batting a thousand, and to insure this, we would like you readers to keep on writing and letting us know what you want in *Babe Ruth Sports*. After all, you are the ones for whom we try to put out the best issues possible. And to help us, we need your advice and encouragement!

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TRIPLE THREAT TERROR

--KYLE ROTE

DOWN TO DALLAS FROM SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, CAME THE MIGHTY FOOTBALL FORCES OF **NOTRE DAME**. FACE TO FACE THEY CAME WITH **KYLE ROTE** OF S.M.U. WHO IN ONE OF THE GREATEST EXHIBITIONS IN GRID HISTORY ALMOST ENDED **SINGLE HANDEDLY** THE 4-YEAR, 38 GAME UNDEFEATED STREAK OF THE FIGHTING IRISH.

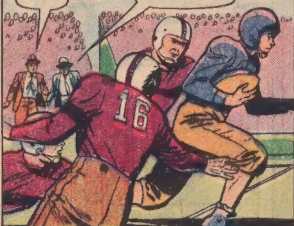


NOTRE DAME.... 27
S.M.U. 20
THIS READ THE FOOTBALL HEADLINES EARLY LAST DECEMBER. BUT THE STORY OF THE GAME WAS THE PLAYING OF **KYLE ROTE**, S.M.U.'S STAR HALFBACK, WHO ALMOST WON THE BATTLE BY HIMSELF. THE WHOLE GRID WORLD TOOK NOTICE, ASKING "WHO IS THIS KYLE ROTE?"

THOUGH KYLE ROTE WAS COMPARATIVELY UNKNOWN OUTSIDE THE STATE OF TEXAS, WITHIN THE LONE STAR BORDERS HIS FOOTBALL FAME FLASHED BRIGHTLY EVER SINCE HE STARRER FOR THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH, DOWN SAN ANTONIO WAY.

GO GO, GO! GO ON, KYLE! ALL THE WAY!

THAT'S IT! ANOTHER TOUCHDOWN! 87 YARDS! WOTTA RUN!



WHEN HE GRADUATED FROM JEFFERSON, KYLE WAS ONE OF THE MOST SOUGHT AFTER FOOTBALL PLAYERS IN THE HISTORY OF TEXAS, INCLUDING THE INCOMPARABLE DOAK WALKER!

GOSH, POP! THESE LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS ARE FROM EVERY BIG COLLEGE IN THE COUNTRY, AND HERE'S ONE FROM GOVERNOR JESTER. HE SAYS, "DON'T SELL THE STATE OF TEXAS SHORT!"

SON, YOU GO WHEREVER YOU THINK BEST. IT'S YOUR FUTURE THAT COUNTS.



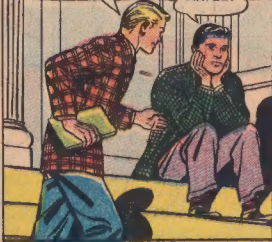
YOU'RE RIGHT, POP. I WANT TO STUDY **LAW**. THERE'S A FINE LAW SCHOOL AT **VANDERBILT**. AND THEY PLAY **BIG TIME** FOOTBALL THERE, TOO.



MUCH TO THE DISMAY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, KYLE ENROLLED AT VANDERBILT IN THE SUMMER SESSION, 1947. BUT HE WASN'T HAPPY THERE.

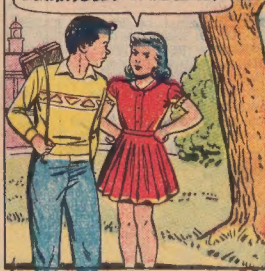
WHAT'S THE MATTER KYLE? YOU LOOK PRETTY BLUE, THE STUDIES GETTING YOU DOWN?

HECK, NO! IT'S JUST THAT I'M LONESOME FOR HOME. I MISS MY GIRL SOMETHING AWFUL.



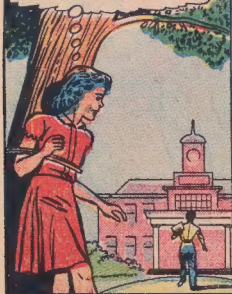
YOU COULDN'T BLAME HIM. HE HAD GONE WITH PRETTY RAVEN-HAIRED BETTY JAMISON EVER SINCE, AT THE AGE OF 10, HE'D MET THE **TOUTSHEST TAMBLY** ON THE BLOCK.

SO YOU'RE THE NEW KID AROUND HERE! I CAN **LICK** YOU! I CAN **LICK ANYBODY** IN THE CLASS!



KYLE, AS A KID, WAS A **SHY, QUIET** BOY... BUT A **MAN OF ACTION** NONETHELESS...

HOW COULD HE DO THIS TO ME? I'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL! BUT...GEE...HE'S **POWERFUL!**



THAT'S HOW IT ALL BEGAN. LOVE CONQUERED ALL. AND, YEARS LATER, AT VANDERBILT, KYLE DECIDED TO GO BACK TO TEXAS RIGHT AWAY, TO ENROLL AT **S.M.U.** WHERE BETTY WAS. FOOTBALL COACH **MATTY BELL** WAS OVERJOYED, AND KYLE WAS THE SENSATION OF THE FRESHMAN TEAM.

MATTY, WITH HIM IN THE BACKFIELD OF THE VARSITY NEXT YEAR, ALONG WITH DOAK, WE'RE GOING TO BE TERRIFIC.

THAT'S WHAT I'M THINKING, DO. BUT DON'T TELL ANYBODY. FOOTBALL COACHES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ALWAYS **PESSIMISTIC**.



ON THE VARSITY AS A SOPHOMORE IN '48, KYLE STARTED SLOWLY, HELPED ALONG BY THE **ALL-AMERICAN GREAT, DOAK WALKER**.

LET KYLE TAKE IT OVER.

NO, IT'S A TOUGH SPOT. HE'S GOT TO **EASE INTO** THINGS. YOU CARRY IT YOURSELF.



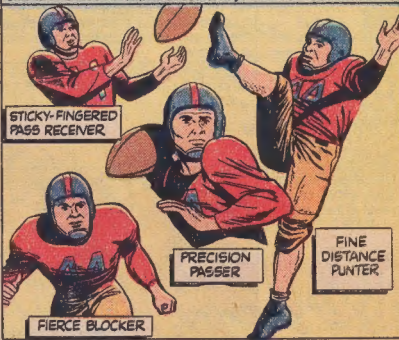
KYLE IDOLIZED DOAK, GIVING HIM **FULL CREDIT** FOR MAKING HIM A FIRST-YEAR SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE STAR. KYLE CAME INTO HIS OWN IN THE TOUGH BAYLOR GAME.

ATTA BOY, KYLE! YOUR **TWO TOUCHDOWNS** WON IT. HE WAS TERRIFIC, WASN'T HE DOAK?

SURE WAS! HE GAINED **120 YARDS** RUSHING ALL BY HIMSELF!



KYLE ROTE ISN'T, HOWEVER, MERELY A TERRIFIC **RUNNING** BACK. HE'S A REAL **TRIPLE-THREAT**, AND MORE BESIDES.



BUT, WHATEVER KYLE DID, HE WAS ALWAYS IN DOAK WALKER'S SHADOW. EVEN WHEN WALKER **DIDN'T** PLAY THE SPORTSWRITERS PLAYED UP HIS **ABSENCE**. IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE 1949 KENTUCKY GAME, WITH DOAK OUT WITH INFLUENZA, THAT KYLE REALLY CAME INTO HIS OWN.

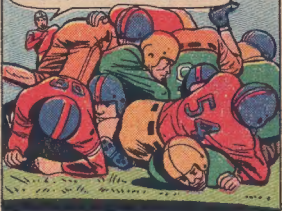
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS IS ONE OF THE **UPSETS** OF THE YEAR, WITH LESS THAN HALF A MINUTE YET TO PLAY, S.M.U. HAS UPSET KENTUCKY **20-7**. DID THE MUSTANGS MISS DOAK WALKER? NOSIREE! KYLE ROTE WAS **SENSATIONAL!** ALL HE DID WAS GAIN **96 YARDS** RUSHING.

PUNT FOR A **50 YARD** AVERAGE AND SCORE **TWO TOUCHDOWNS!**



THEN CAME THE SENSATIONAL NOTRE DAME GAME. S.M.U., DOGGED BY **INJURIES** ALL SEASON, HAD LOST THREE CONFERENCE GAMES, AND DOAK WALKER, WITH A **BAD LEG** COULD NOT PLAY AGAINST THE FIGHTING IRISH. THE CROWD OF 75,000 EXPECTED A PARADE OF NOTRE DAME TOUCHDOWNS. BUT FOR THE FIRST TWELVE MINUTES, THE INSPIRED MUSTANGS HELD THE IRISH **SCORELESS!**

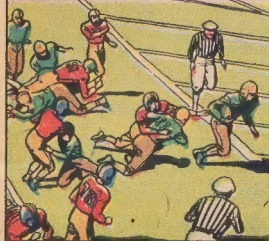
THAT'S PLUGGING UP THOSE HOLES, FELLOWS! THAT'S STOPPING THEM!



FINALLY, NOTRE DAME SCORED. **7-0!** S.M.U. STRUCK BACK, ON A STUNNING 78-YARD PASS PLAY, THEY REACHED THE IRISH **6**. FOUR TIMES ROTE HIT THE FORWARD WALL. HE COULDN'T QUITE GET OVER. IT WAS THE ONLY TIME IN THE GAME HE WAS TO BE STOPPED.



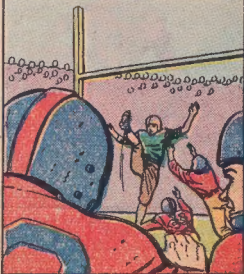
NOTRE DAME SCORED AGAIN IN THE SECOND QUARTER, 13-0! HAD THE ROUT BEGUN? **KYLE ROTE** HAD THE ANSWER, EARLY IN THE THIRD QUARTER HE SPARKED A 71 YARD DRIVE FOR A TOUCHDOWN, GAINING 53 OF THEM HIMSELF, AND FINALLY RACING AROUND NOTRE DAME'S GREAT, GIANT **ALL-AMERICAN** END, **LEON HART**, FOR THE SCORE. IT WAS NOW 13-7!



THEN THE IRISH SCORED AGAIN. IT WAS 20-7 AT THE END OF THE THIRD QUARTER, BUT IN ONLY THREE PLAYS THE MUSTANGS SCORED AGAIN, TOO. ROTE PASSED FOR 2, ROTE PRESSED FOR 68, ROTE SHOT THROUGH CENTER FOR THE TOUCHDOWN, 20-14!



SOUTHERN METHODIST KICKED OFF. A MOMENT LATER THE IRISH WERE SET BACK BY A CLIPPING PENALTY TO THEIR OWN 1 YARD LINE. FOR THE FIRST TIME ALL SEASON, THEY HAD TO PUNT ON SECOND DOWN.



THE PUNT WAS RETURNED 29 YARDS TO THE IRISH 15. ROTE MADE TEN AROUND HART AGAIN. ROTE MADE 2 THROUGH THE LINE. ROTE WENT AROUND HART ONCE MORE FOR THE TOUCHDOWN! 20-20! IT WAS ALL TIED UP!



NOTRE DAME RALLIED FOR ONE FINAL EFFORT, USING THE 6'4", 240 POUND HART AS A BATTERING RAM FULLBACK, THE IRISH DROVE 57 YARDS FOR THE WINNING TOUCHDOWN AND WON ONE OF FOOTBALL'S EPIC GAMES, 27-20! NOTRE DAME COACH FRANK LEAHY ADDRESSED HIS BOYS AFTER THE GAME.

BOYS, YOU ARE ONE OF THE GREATEST OF ALL NOTRE DAME TEAMS. YOU ARE MY GREATEST TEAM. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

THANKS, COACH. AND WE THINK THAT **KYLE ROTE** WAS OUR GREATEST OPPONENT. WE'RE LUCKY **DOAK WALKER** COULDN'T PLAY.



KYLE ROTE RICHLY DESERVED THE ACCLAMATION. HE HAD GAINED 165 YARDS RUNNING, 146 PASSING, PUNTED FOR A 48 YARD AVERAGE, AND SCORED ALL 3 S.M.U. TOUCHDOWNS, AND AS THE GAME ENDED HE HAD SPARKED A MUSTANG DRIVE RIGHT DOWN TO THE NOTRE DAME 4 YARD LINE.



ROTE LED THE SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE IN 1949 WITH 777 YARDS IN 142 CARRIES. HE PUNTED 22 TIMES FOR A 44.4 YARD AVERAGE. HE CAUGHT 14 PASSES FOR 298 YARDS, SCORED 12 TOUCHDOWNS AND KICKED 2 EXTRA POINTS. NOT BAD FOR A PLAYER OVERSHADOWED BY **DOAK WALKER**!



IN PRIVATE LIFE, **KYLE** IS NOW HAPPILY MARRIED TO **BETTY JAMISON**, THE LITTLE TOMBOY HE TIED TO A TREE. THEY LIVE IN A SMALL APARTMENT, AND **BETTY** KEEPS **KYLE** IN CONDITION.

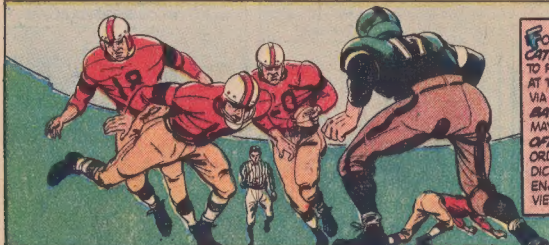
WITH YOUR COOKING, HONEY, I COULDN'T POSSIBLY BREAK TRAINING HABITS.



NOW THAT **DOAK WALKER** HAS GRADUATED, YOU'LL HEAR A LOT ABOUT **KYLE ROTE**, ONE OF FOOTBALL'S GLAMOUR BOYS OF 1950. THE EXPERTS PICK HIM TO BE AS GREAT AN **ALL-AMERICAN** AS HIS TERRIFIC PREDECESSOR. THE SCOURGE OF THE GRIDIRON THIS FALL. THAT MIGHTY MUSTANG OF S.M.U. **KYLE ROTE**!



KNOW YOUR FOOTBALL FORMATIONS!



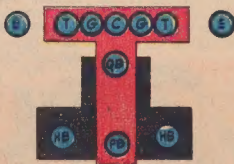
FOOTBALL, BECAUSE IT IS SO **INTRICATE**, IS THE **HARDEST** OF ALL SPORTS TO FOLLOW. WHETHER AS A FAN YOU'RE AT THE GAME OR GETTING THE ACTION VIA RADIO OR TV, THERE ARE SOME **BASIC ELEMENTS** OF FOOTBALL YOU MAY NOT UNDERSTAND, ESPECIALLY **OFFENSIVE FORMATIONS**. SO IN ORDER TO GIVE YOU RED-HOT GRID AD-DICTS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND ENJOYMENT OF THE GAME, LET'S RE-VIEW THESE OFFENSIVE SYSTEMS.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN:

- C** CENTER
- G** GUARD
- T** TACKLE
- E** END
- QB** QUARTERBACK
- HB** HALFBACK OR WB, WINGBACK
- FB** FULLBACK

T-FORMATION

THE RAGE OF OFFENSIVE FOOTBALL SINCE THE CHICAGO BEARS AND STANFORD UNIVERSITY BROUGHT IT BACK AROUND 1940, THE **T-FORMATION** IS PROBABLY THE **OLDEST** IN AMERICAN FOOTBALL. NORMALLY EMPLOYING A BALANCED LINE, THE T TODAY USES A MAN-IN-MOTION, USUALLY ONE OF THE HALFBACKS. IT PLACES EMPHASIS ON **TIMING** AND **DECEPTION** RATHER THAN **POWER** AND REQUIRES **SPEEDY BACKS** AND A **BRAINY QUARTERBACK** WHO'S A **BALL-HANDLING** AND **PASSING WIZZARD**.



DOUBLE WINGBACK FORMATION



THE FEATURE OF THIS FORMATION IS THE STATIONING OF A BACK ABOUT A YARD **BEHIND EACH END AND OUTSIDE**, USUALLY THE HALFBACKS. THEY ARE THEN CALLED **WINGBACKS**. AN **UNBALANCED LINE** IS USUALLY USED, BUT NOT NECESSARILY. THIS STRONG FORMATION CAN HIT TO **EITHER SIDE**, PROVIDES BOTH ENDS AND WINGBACKS AS PASS RECEIVERS, GIVES PLENTY OF CHANCE FOR **DECEPTION** AND **MASS INTERFERENCE**. THIS FORMATION, HOWEVER, INVOLVES LOTS OF BALL-HANDLING AND GREATER RISK OF **FUMBLING**. ALSO, THE DEFENSE HAS MORE TIME TO BREAK UP THE ATTACK.

SINGLE WINGBACK FORMATION



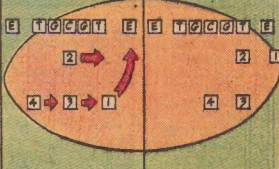
THE **SINGLE WINGBACK** UNBALANCED LINE, ONE OF FOOTBALL'S MOST COMMON FORMATIONS, MAY BE FORMED EITHER **LEFT OR RIGHT**. IT HAS MANY BACKFIELD ARRANGEMENTS AND MAY EVEN HAVE A BALANCED LINE, BUT AS LONG AS ONE BACK IS **BEHIND AN END**, EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE, IT'S A **SINGLE WINGBACK**. FEATURING **VERSATILITY** AND **CRUSHING STRENGTH** ON THE STRONG SIDE, THE SINGLE WINGBACK IS GOOD FOR **BUCKING**, **SPINNERS**, **PASSING** AND **DECEPTION**. ITS MAIN **WEAKNESS** IS A **SHORT SIDE** ON THE LINE ATTACK, SUCH PLAYS REQUIRING **DECEPTION**.

PUNT FORMATION

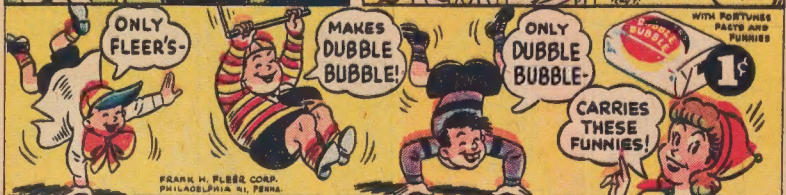


DESPITE ITS NAME, THIS FORMATION IS OFTEN USED MORE FOR **RUNNING** AND **PASSING** THAN FOR KICKING. THE REAR BACK IS 5 TO 7 YARDS BEHIND THE LINE, ENOUGH TO **PASS** AND **KICK** BUT NOT TOO FAR TO PREVENT RUNNING PLAYS. **NOT MUCH POWER** CAN BE GENERATED FROM THIS FORMATION, HOWEVER, AND IT OFFERS **LITTLE DECEPTION** POSSIBILITIES, NOT EASY TO BUILD UP A WHOLE OFFENSIVE AROUND THIS FORMATION. IT IS STRICTLY AN **AUXILIARY WEAPON**.

NOTRE DAME SYSTEM



THE NOTRE DAME SYSTEM IS ESSENTIALLY A SHIFT FROM A T FORMATION INTO A SINGLE WINGBACK WITH A BALANCED LINE. THE SHIFT MAY GO TO EITHER SIDE. IT PLACES MORE EMPHASIS ON **DECEPTION** THAN ON **POWER**, BUT THE BALANCED LINE OVERCOMES THE WEAKNESS OF THE **USUAL SINGLE WINGBACK**. HERE THE ATTACK MAY BE **EQUALLY EFFECTIVE TO EITHER SIDE**. THIS SYSTEM NEEDS **SPEEDY BACKS** WHO ARE GOOD **BALL-HANDLERS**. WITH A **HARD-CHARGING LINE**, IT'S A **TOUGH** FORMATION TO STOP.



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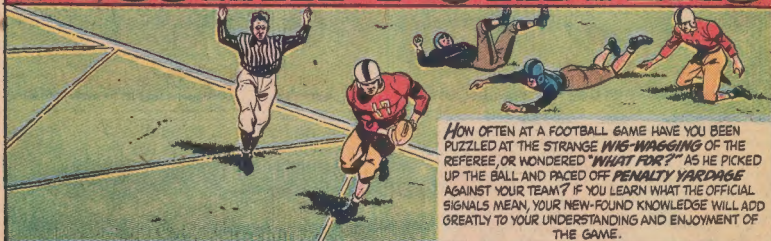
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PIGSKIN POINTERS



HOW OFTEN AT A FOOTBALL GAME HAVE YOU BEEN PUZZLED AT THE STRANGE *WIG-WAGGING* OF THE REFEREE, OR WONDERED "WHAT FOR?" AS HE PICKED UP THE BALL AND PACED OFF *PENALTY YARDAGE* AGAINST YOUR TEAM? IF YOU LEARN WHAT THE OFFICIAL SIGNALS MEAN, YOUR NEW-FOUND KNOWLEDGE WILL ADD GREATLY TO YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND ENJOYMENT OF THE GAME.

WHEN THE REFEREE HOLDS ONE HAND ALLOFT WITH OPEN HAND IT MEANS THE PLAY IS OVER. WHEN HIS FIST IS CLOSED, IT SIGNIFIES A TOUCHBACK.

PLAY IS OVER



WHEN THE REFEREE CRISS-CROSSES HIS HANDS ABOVE HIS HEAD, IT MEANS TIME OUT.

TIME OUT



WHEN THE REFEREE CRISS-CROSSES HIS HANDS ACROSS HIS WAIST, IT INDICATES AN INCOMPLETE PASS, NO PLAY OR NO SCORE.



HANDS ON HIPS IS THE CALL FOR AN OFFSIDE PENALTY OF 5 YARDS.

OFF-SIDE



ARMS OUTSTRETCHED, SLIGHTLY FORWARD AND PALMS UP SIGNIFIES ILLEGAL AID TO THE BALL CARRIER, SUCH AS PUSHING HIM FORWARD. IT ALSO MEANS A 15 YARD PENALTY.

ILLEGAL AID



HANDS THRUST FORWARD IN A PUSHING MOTION INDICATES INTERFERENCE WITH A PASS RECEIVER. THE BALL IS DOWNED AT THE POINT OF INTERFERENCE AS PENALTY.



ARMS FOLDED MEANS ILLEGAL DELAY, STALLING OR EXCESSIVE TIMES OUT. BALL MUST BE PUT IN PLAY 25 SECONDS AFTER IT IS READY. FOUR TIMES OUT PER HALF ARE ALLOWED FOR EACH TEAM.

ILLEGAL DELAY OR STALLING



IF THE REFEREE SALUTES AND KICKS HIS LEG BACK AND FORTH IT SIGNIFIES A KICKER WAS ROUGHED. THIS IS WORTH A 15 YARD PENALTY.



UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS

ONE WRIST GRASPED BY THE OTHER HAND MEANS HOLDING OR ILLEGAL USE OF ARMS OR HANDS. PENALTY TO THE OFFENSIVE TEAM IS 15 YARDS. TO THE DEFENSE 5 YARDS.

HOLDING



WHEN THE REFEREE HOLDS ONE HAND BEHIND HIS BACK, IT DENOTES AN ILLEGAL FORWARD PASS AND A 5 YARD PENALTY.

ILLEGAL FORWARD PASS



WHEN THE REFEREE SLAPS THE BACK OF HIS KNEE, IT MEANS HE HAS DETECTED CLIPPING WHICH IS A 15 YARD PENALTY.

CLIPPING



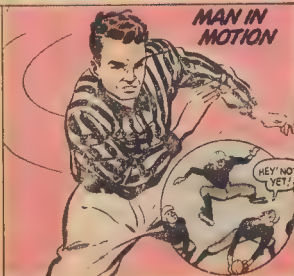
THIS IS THE SIGNAL FOR INTENTIONAL GROUNDING OF THE BALL BY A PASSER ABOUT TO BE TACKLED. THE PENALTY IS 15 YARDS.

INTENTIONAL GROUNDING



MAN IN MOTION APPLIES TO FORWARD MOVEMENT OF BACK-FIELD MEN BEFORE THE BALL IS SNAPPED. BACKS MAY MOVE LAT-ERALLY NOT FORWARD. IT'S EQUIVALENT TO OFF-SIDE. PENALTY IS 5 YARDS.

MAN IN MOTION



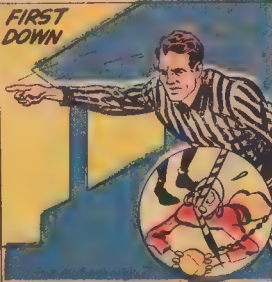
REFEREE'S ARMS OUT-STRETCHED MEAN UN-SPORTSMAN-LIKE CONDUCT, SUCH AS SLUGGING OR VERBALLY ABUSING OPPONENTS OR OFFICIALS. PENALTY CAN BE 15 YARDS OR MORE OR EJECTION FROM THE GAME.

UNSPORTSMAN-LIKE CONDUCT



WHEN THE REFEREE MOTIONS IN THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THE OFFENSIVE TEAM WAS GOING BY WAVING HIS ARM THAT WAY, IT MEANS A FIRST DOWN. BUT IF HE WAVES IN THE OTHER DIRECTION, IT MEANS THE DEFENSIVE TEAM ON THE LAST PLAY NOW HAS THE BALL.

FIRST DOWN



THE REFEREE'S ARMS UPRAISED INDICATE A TOUCHDOWN HAS BEEN SCORED, OR A FIELD GOAL OR A CONVERSION KICK IS GOOD. NOW YOU CAN CHEER...IF IT WAS YOUR TEAM!

SCORED POINT



CLUBHOUSE



CLOSE-UPS

REALLY RUNNING... A fact not realized by too many fans is that a football referee does about three times the running any player does during the course of a game. Also, when a player gets tired the coach usually yanks him out in favor of a fresher mate. The referee, however, enjoys no such respite. He has to charge up and down the field with the play and is frequently even tackled by mistake!

QUALIFICATIONS... This happened when Joe Louis was busting beaks like nobody's business. A determined young boxer cornered a promoter and asked for the chance to get into an exhibition scrap with the mighty Brown Bomber. "I'll do my best," he promised the promoter.

"Well, how good is your best?" he was asked.

"100 yards in 10 seconds," answered the fighter.

HUNGRY FELLOWS... People constantly complain about their food bills and perhaps they have a right to. But, how would they feel if they had to feed a football team like the squad that performs for the University of Minnesota? Just listen to what these mammoths of the gridiron put away: 3,000 pounds of steak, 2,000 pounds of beef, 160 chickens, 605 pounds of lamb, 450 pounds of turkey, two and a half tons of potatoes, 1,000 heads of lettuce, 500 gallons of milk and a few other small items!!!

BASKETBALL BLOTCHES... Bill King of L.I.U. once played sixty minutes of football in the afternoon against Catholic U. and forty minutes that night in the basketball opener of the season for L.I.U. He was high scorer in both games.... Sal Romano, playing for the Sioux A.C. in Brooklyn during the 1946-47 season, scored 101 points in a basketball game against the Altrans A.C. at the New Utrecht Y.M.C.A., for the highest total points made by a player in one game.

WHIZ KIDS... The City College of New York, besides being known for its scholarship, is also known for its powerhouse basketball fives. Utiliz-

ing what is called a "fast break," where three men charge down the court and throw speed, smart ball-handling, hustle, drive and spontaneous play at the defenders, the City College Whiz Kids have bowled over the greatest basketball aggregations in the country. Last season, City's stout combatants went on to achieve immortal fame with their double win of the N.I.T. and N.C.A.A. tournaments.

Followers of the fast break are quick to point out that it offers the basketball enthusiasts some very thrilling moments. We can very easily see the tremendous excitement stirred up during a rip-roaring game when, almost as fast as you can say "fast break," three human comets streak down the court, completely confuse the other team and dunk the ball through the hoop for the game-winning points.

OLD DAYS... Basketball in the old days was a far cry from the present day game. In those days the basketball floors were far from good. In New England, a stove was kept in the corner to keep the gym warm. Naturally, one would expect many humorous incidents to happen—and they did.

During one of these games, the home team was being beaten badly. The home town players were particularly angry at the star of the other team who was scoring almost at will. So, throwing sportsmanship out of the window, they arranged it so that this star would have to run past the stove in order to get a shot at the basket. As he did so, one of the home-townners shoved him, and he went flying against the stove. Of course, he got slightly singed.

However, the real fun was yet to start. The other team got wise to the trick and they began to push players into the stove. It got so bad that the game of basketball was forgotten and the two teams just concentrated on pushing each other against the stove. When the referee tried to get the game started again, he was pushed against the stove and burned! There was a hot time in the old town that night!



WHAT'S AHEAD FOR GLENN DAVIS?

ARMY'S FABULOUS "MR. OUTSIDE" HAS BEEN OUT OF THE GAME FOR 3 SEASONS! CAN HE STEP BACK IN WITH THE LOS ANGELES RAMS...AND, THIS TIME, SET THE PROFESSIONAL GRIDIRON ABLAZE??



THE 1945 ARMY SQUAD WASN'T QUITE AS DEEP AS THE 1944 JUGGERNAUT, BUT IT HAD JUST AS MUCH CLASS AND MORE IMPORTANT, TWO FELLOWS, BY NAME DAVIS AND BLANCHARD, WHO NOW HAD ONE SEASON OF FOOTBALL WARFARE UNDER THEIR HELMETS. THE COMING OF THE NEW CAMPAIGN MADE THEM TWICE AS DANGEROUS!

BLANCHARD OUTSIDE AND DAVIS INSIDE--WHADDYUH CALL THAT?

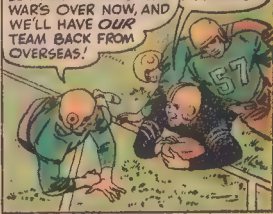
THE KAYDETS CALL IT MISTER INSIDE AND MISTER OUTSIDE!



FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE YEAR, ARMY HAD SLAUGHTERED NOTRE DAME--AND HOW THE IRISH HATED IT!

WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR, 'LOUTENANT DAVIS! THE WAR'S OVER NOW, AND WE'LL HAVE OUR TEAM BACK FROM OVERSEAS!

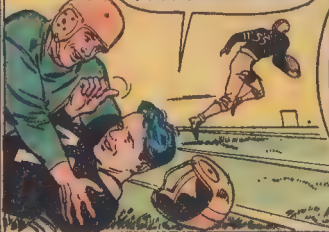
I'LL BE HERE--WAITING!



WHEN GLENN WASN'T CARRYING THE BALL, HE WAS USING HIMSELF AS A DECOY. BLANCHARD, DAVIS' OTHER HALF, WOULD BE GIVEN THE BALL AND GLENN WOULD FAKE POSSESSION OF THE BALL. THIS WOULD BRING THE WHOLE ENEMY TEAM DOWN ON HIM, WHILE BLANCHARD SCAMPERED TO A TOUCHDOWN--UNTOUCHED!

SO, WE FINALLY GOT MISTER OUTSIDE!

HEY, FELLAS, YOU GOT THE WRONG MAN! MISTER INSIDE HAS THE BALL AND IS GOING AROUND THE OUTSIDE FOR A TOUCHDOWN!

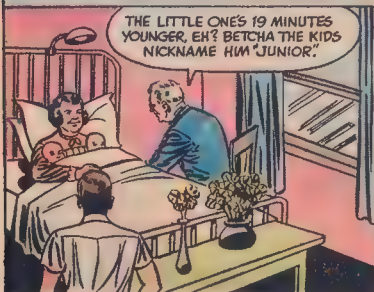


TERRIFIC! CAN Y'IMAGINE IF THAT DAVIS WAS TWINS?

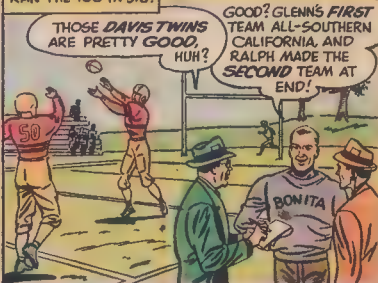
YA WANNA KNOW SOMETHING? HE ACTUALLY IS!



THAT'S RIGHT! THE GREAT GLENN DAVIS, CALLED BY MANY "THE GREATEST RUNNING BACK SINCE 'RED' GRANGE" WAS BORN JUST 19 MINUTES AFTER HIS BROTHER, RALPH--IN LA VERNE, CALIF., 1925.

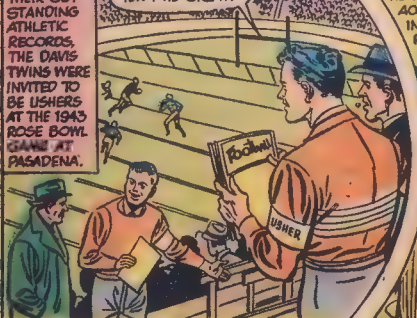


AS THE TWINS GREW UP AND ENTERED BONITA HIGH IN LA VERNE, THEY BECAME ADEPT FOUR-SPORT STARS--BASEBALL, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND TRACK! GLENN WAS TABBED A HOT OLYMPIC PROSPECT WHEN HE RAN THE 100 IN 9.8!



BECAUSE OF THEIR OUT-STANDING ATHLETIC RECORDS, THE DAVIS TWINS WERE INVITED TO BE USHERS AT THE 1943 ROSE BOWL GAME AT PASADENA.

LOOK AT TRIPPI GO! ISN'T HE GREAT?

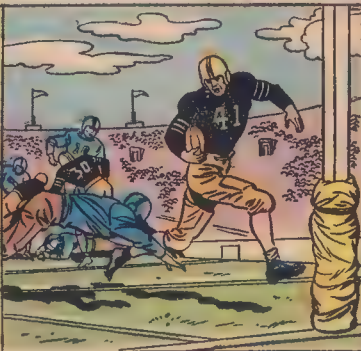


MODEST GLENN NEVER DREAMED THAT THREE YEARS LATER, HE AND TRIPPI WOULD BE ON THE SAME ALL-AMERICAN TEAM!

GLENN WAS SWAMPED WITH BIDS FROM COLLEGES WHEN HE WAS GRADUATED FROM BONITA. AFTER RALPH WAS ACCEPTED AT WEST POINT, GLENN DECIDED TO FOLLOW IN HIS BROTHER'S FOOTSTEPS AND GO THERE, TOO. RED BLAIK, ARMY'S FOOTBALL COACH, MET HIM AT THE TRAIN AND SHOWED HIM THE "CAMPUS"...

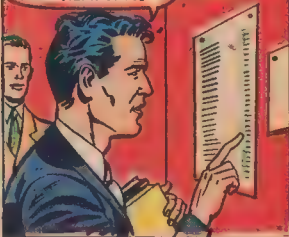


HE HAD COME TO THE POINT DURING WAR TIME AND BECAUSE OF THE WAR PLEBES WERE ALLOWED TO PLAY VARSITY BALL.... GLENN HELPED ARMY TO A 7-WIN, 2-LOSS AND 1-TIE SEASON.



BUT, OFF THE FIELD, MATHEMATICS THREW HIM FOR A LOSS!

FLUNKED MATH AND DROPPED FROM SCHOOL! I'M LUCKY THEY'RE LETTING ME STUDY ALL SUMMER AND TAKE ANOTHER TEST NEXT FALL!





IN SEPTEMBER, PLUCKY DAVIS PASSED HIS TEST AND RETURNED TO WEST POINT--A PLEBE ALL OVER AGAIN! BUT THIS TIME SOMETHING NEW WAS TO HAPPEN TO GLENN, HE WOULD MEET BLANCHARD, MISTER *INSIDE* AND MISTER *OUTSIDE*! THE *BLACK KNIGHTS OF DESTRUCTION*!

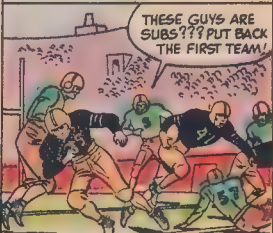


I WANT YOU BOYS TO KNOW EACH OTHER...YOU'LL BE PLAYING TOGETHER IN THE SECOND BACKFIELD.

NAME'S BLANCHARD.

MINES DAVIS.

LOOKING BACK, GLENN THINKS TODAY THAT THE 1944 ARMY TEAM WITH KENNA, MINOR, HALL AND DOBBS IN THE FIRST BACKFIELD--AND DAVIS, BLANCHARD, SENSANBAUGH AND TOM LOMBARDO IN THE SECOND--WAS THE GREATEST ONE WHICH HE EVER PLAYED. THEY HAD TO BE GREAT TO BEAT NOTRE DAME 59-0!



THESE GUYS ARE SUBS??? PUT BACK THE FIRST TEAM!

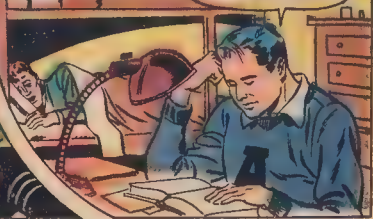
DAVIS' BLINDING SPEED AND QUICK BREAKAWAYS KEPT THE OPPOSITION *SPREAD*...AND BLANCHARD'S SPEED AND POWER UP THE MIDDLE KEPT THEM *TIGHT*--OR SOMETHING! NOBODY COULD STOP THE *TOUCHDOWN TWINS* AS THEY LED ARMY TO AN UNDEFEATED 1944 SEASON!

HEY! YOU GUYS DECLARED WAR ON THE *WRONG* NAVY!



AWW, COME ON, GLENN--IT'S AFTER MIDNIGHT!

CAN'T HELP IT! DON'T FORGET, *YOU* DON'T PLAY FOOTBALL ALL AFTERNOON! I'M NOT GOING TO LET MATH THROW ME AGAIN!



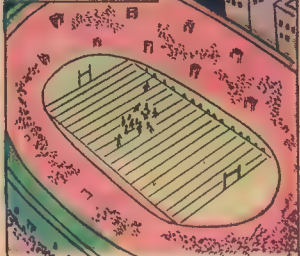
ALL THROUGH 1944-1945 IT WAS DAVIS AND BLANCHARD! ...BUT IN 1946, GLENN DAVIS CAME INTO HIS OWN AS BLANCHARD HURT A LEG AND HE HAD TO GO IT ALONE! WITH ARNOLD TUCKER, GLENN LED THE ARMY POWERHOUSE HALF WAY THROUGH ITS THIRD UNDEFEATED SEASON!



LOOK AT THAT BOY *RUN*!

THEY CALL HIM THE *CALIFORNIA COMET*!

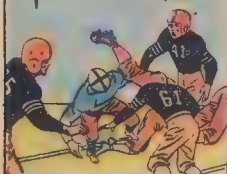
ON NOVEMBER 9, DAVIS AND BLANCHARD TEAMED UP AGAIN AND MET A NOTRE DAME TEAM BOILING FOR REVENGE FOR THOSE 59-0 AND 48-0 PASTINGS! AFTER 60 MINUTES OF BRUTAL, BLASTING FOOTBALL, THE GAME ENDED IN A 0-0 TIE!



IN THE NAVY GAME, ARMY JUMPED TO A 21-0 LEAD BUT NAVY CAME ROARING BACK TO SCORE 18 POINTS AND HAD THE BALL ON THE ARMY GOAL LINE WITH BUT SECONDS LEFT TO PLAY. THEY TRIED TO SCORE BUT ARMY HELD!

THERE GOES THE GUN!

AND THERE GOES NAVY-- SUNK!



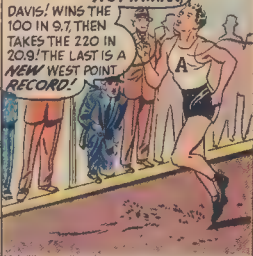
THE FOOTBALL SEASON ENDED, BUT DAVIS CONTINUED TO STAR AS ONE OF WEST POINT'S ALL-TIME ATHLETIC GREATS. IN THE SCHOOLS ALL-AROUND PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST, CONSISTING OF 10 RUGGED TESTS OF SPEED, STAMINA AND SKILL, DAVIS SCORED 926 OUT OF 1,000 POINTS... IT WAS WEST POINT'S HIGHEST SCORE EVER! THE AVERAGE CADET HIT 540. BRANCH RICKEY LABELED GLENN A "\$75,000 BASEBALL PLAYER"-- AND HE ALSO SPARKLED IN TRACK AND BASKETBALL.



GLENN ENDED A SPECTACULAR COLLEGE CAREER BY PLAYING A BASEBALL GAME AGAINST NAVY, THEN HUSTLING OVER TO THE TRACK AND WINNING TWO EVENTS AGAINST THE MIDDLE CINDER-SMACKERS!

WOTTAMAN!

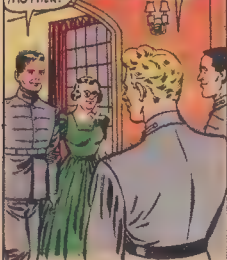
DAVIS! WINS THE 100 IN 9.7, THEN TAKES THE 220 IN 20.9! THE LAST IS A NEW WEST POINT RECORD!



DURING JUNE WEEK, WHEN THE CADETS HAVE THEIR GIRLS DOWN AS THEIR GUESTS FOR GRADUATION, DAVIS INTRODUCED THE OTHER CADETS TO HIS SPECIAL GIRL!

FELLOWS MEET MY BEST GIRL--MY MOTHER!

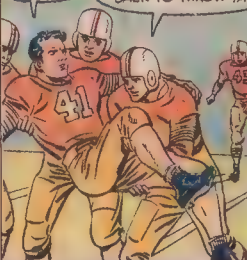
H-HOW DO YOU DO?



HIS LAST GAME, BEFORE ENTERING ACTIVE SERVICE IN KOREA, WAS WITH BLANCHARD AND THE COLLEGE ALL-STARS IN CHICAGO--AND IT ENDED IN NEAR TRAGEDY!

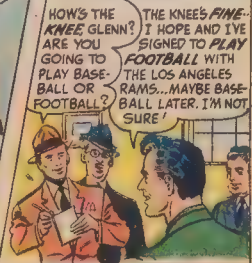
THE KNEE... SHE JUST GAVE OUT!

OH, OH, THAT'S BAD-- YA NEVER CAN TELL WHEN A BUM KNEE WILL COME BACK TO THROW YA!

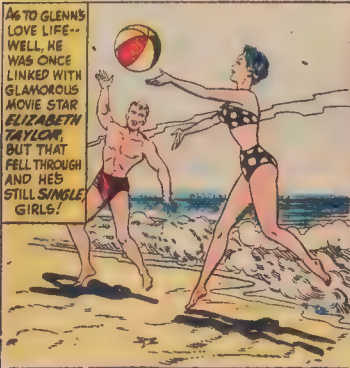


THE ARMY REFUSED TO RE-LEASE GLENN FOR PRO-FOOTBALL AND POSSIBLY BASEBALL, AND HE SPENT OVER 2 YEARS IN UNIFORM-- 8 MONTHS IN KOREA! FINALLY HE WAS RELEASED BECAUSE OF HIS FATHER'S ILLNESS.

HOW'S THE KNEE GLENN? I HOPE AND I'VE SIGNED TO PLAY FOOTBALL WITH THE LOS ANGELES RAMS... MAYBE BASEBALL LATER. I'M NOT SURE!



AS TO GLENN'S LOVE LIFE-- WELL, HE WAS ONCE LINKED WITH GLAMOROUS MOVIE STAR ELIZABETH TAYLOR, BUT THAT FELL THROUGH AND HE'S STILL SINGLE GIRLS!



AFTER THREE YEARS ON THE SIDELINES-- AND WITH A ONCE CRIPPLED KNEE-- CAN GLENN DAVIS CRACK PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL? THAT'S THE QUESTION THE RAMS, THE WHOLE FOOTBALL WORLD AND THE CALIFORNIA COMET HIMSELF WILL ANSWER THIS FALL!

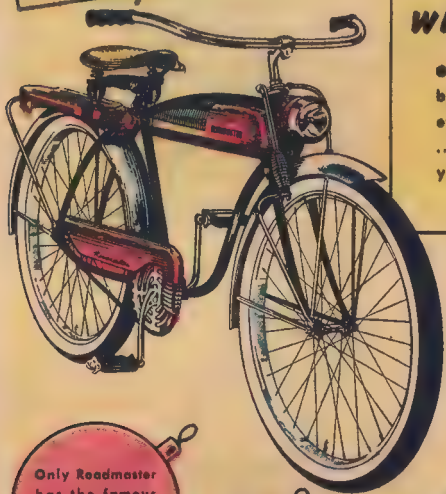




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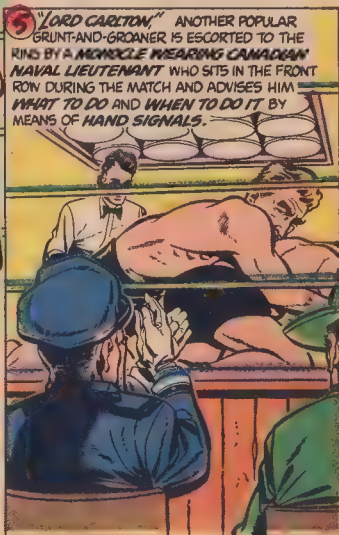
ONE OF THE GREAT PHENOMENA OF THE AMERICAN POST-WAR ATHLETIC SCENE HAS BEEN THE MURKILLUS REVIVAL OF THE WORLD'S THIRD OLDEST SPORT, WRESTLING... LIKE VAUDEVILLE, WHICH IT FREQUENTLY RESEMBLES, WRESTLING'S BACK! THE HUGE, HAIRY GRUNTERS OF THE BONE-CRUSHING GAME WERE LONG CONSIDERED EXTINCT AS THE DODO BIRD, BUT TODAY, WITH THE HELP OF TELEVISION, WRESTLING ONCE AGAIN HAS BECOME ONE OF AMERICA'S BIGGEST ENTERTAINMENT ATTRACTIONS. LET'S MEET SOME OF THE MORE POPULAR MUSCLE MEN WHO HAVE MADE IT SO.



1 THE FIRST COLORFUL CHARACTER TO INTRODUCE THE PERSONAL VALET TO WRESTLING IS GORGEOUS GEORGE. THIS NATIONAL RAGE WITH THE TOUCHED-UP GOLDEN HAIR NEATLY MARCELLED AND WAVED TOSSES GOLD BOBBY PINS TO THE CROWD WHILE HIS LACKEY SPRAYS HIS MASTER AND THE RING WITH A PERFUME ATOMIZER TO "PREVENT" GERMS!



THE FABULOUS SUCCESS OF GORGEOUS GEORGE BROUGHT A WHOLE RUN OF VALETS TO THE WRESTLING RING. BLONDE, GOOD LOOKING HERMAN (DUTCH) RHODE CHANGED HIS NAME TO "NATURE BOY" AND APPEARS IN A LOUD, GARRISH CLOAK CARRIED BY A PRETTY GIRL ATTENDANT, AND DO THE LADIES LOVE HIM!

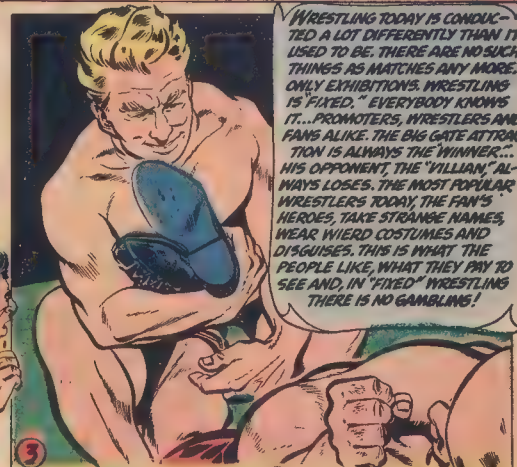
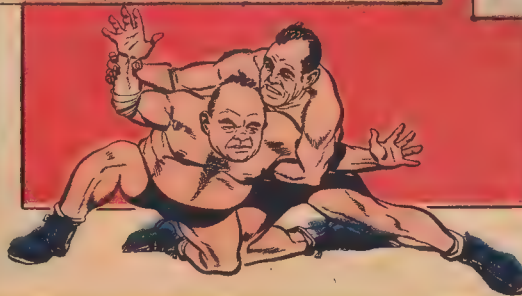


5 "LORD CARLETON," ANOTHER POPULAR GRUNT-AND-GROANER IS ESCORTED TO THE RING BY A MIMICRE WEARING CANADIAN NAVAL LIEUTENANT WHO SITS IN THE FRONT ROW DURING THE MATCH AND ADVISES HIM WHAT TO DO AND WHEN TO DO IT BY MEANS OF HAND SIGNALS.

2 MOST HOUSEWIVES DON'T KNOW ICE HOCKEY FROM A POLO MATCH, BUT ASK ANY OF THEM WHO ANTONIO (ARGENTINA) ROCCA IS AND THEY'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT HIM. THIS MUSCLEMAN FROM THE PANAMA WRESTLES IN HIS BARE FEET. HIS TERRIBLE LEG AND "BACK BREAKER" HOLDS ARE BONE-CRUSHING.

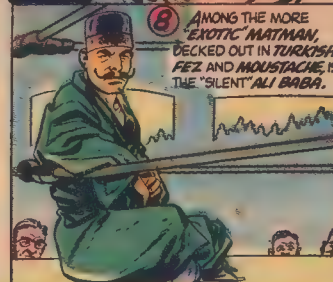


6 EVEN FORMER BATTLES OF THE BOXING RING HAVE TURNED TO THE MAT GAME AS A NEW SOURCE OF INCOME ONCE THEY'RE TOO OLD TO FIGHT. PRIMO CARNERA, FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP, WHO IS NOW 43, AND "TWO-TON" TONY WHO WAS ONE PUNCH AWAY FROM KNOCKING OUT JOE LOUIS ARE NOW FREQUENTLY SEEN ON THE MATS.



3 GENE "MR. AMERICA" STANLEE IS THE FAVORITE OF THE FEMALE FANS. THIS 24 YEAR OLD NAVY VET WITH THE LONG BLONDE HAIR AND THE MAGNIFICENT PHYSIQUE IS THE SYMBOL OF THE "IDEAL AMERICAN BOY" IN THE RING, AND EVERYBODY IS HAPPY WHEN THEIR HERO PINS THE VILLIAN.

7 JACK DEMPESEY HIMSELF IS A BIG NAME WRESTLING REFEREE. HE EVEN GETS INTO THE ACT SOMETIMES AND JOINS IN THE SLUGGING TO AMUSE THE CUSTOMERS.



8 AMONG THE MORE "EXOTIC" MATMEN, DECKED OUT IN TURKISH FEZ AND ADUSTACHIE, IS THE "SILENT" ALI BABA.

AMONG THE OTHER HEADLINE WRESTLERS WHO ATTRACTED 24,000,000 FANS TO WATCH THEM PERFORM LAST YEAR ARE SUCH STALWARTS OF

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JIM FUCHS, WAS BORN IN CHICAGO 22 YEARS AGO. AT HYDE PARK HIGH, HE WAS A GREAT ALL-AROUND ATHLETE, ONE OF THE GREATEST IN CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY.

LOOKIT THAT FUCHS KID GO! OVER THE MIDDLE OR AROUND THE END, HE'S 190 POUNDS OF DYNAMITE!

DOES THE 100 IN 9.7, TOO. HOW'D YOU LIKE TO GET HIT BY THAT!



SPORTSWRITERS TABBED JIM A SECOND JAY BERNWANGER. BEFORE HE GRADUATED, HE HAD OFFERS TO PLAY FOOTBALL FOR COLLEGES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY!

'COURSE WE DON'T NEED THE MONEY THAT BAD, BUT ALL THESE COLLEGES WANT TO GIVE YOU FULL SCHOLARSHIPS, JIM!

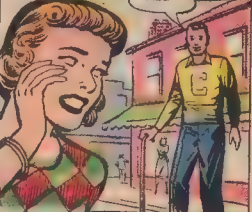
SORRY, DAD, BUT I WANT TO GET AN EDUCATION, TOO! I LIKE FOOTBALL, BUT MARKS COME FIRST! I THINK I'D LIKE TO GO TO YALE!



BUT A CLOUD SUDDENLY CROSSED JIM'S BRIGHT FUTURE! IN HIS FINAL HIGH SCHOOL SEASON, HE HURT HIS KNEE! AN OPERATION REMOVED THE DAMAGED CARTILAGE, BUT HE NEVER WAS THE SAME AGAIN!

HOW'S THE KNEE FEEL, JIM?

OKAY, I GUESS.. I HOPE IT'LL BE STRONG ENOUGH FOR FOOTBALL THIS FALL AT YALE.



BUT THE KNEE WAS TOO WEAK.. JIM SAT OUT THE FRESHMAN SEASON AT YALE, WHILE UNFEELING CRITICS, REMEMBERING HIS GLOWING PRESS NOTICES.. BEGAN CALLING HIM "THE RELUCTANT DRAGON."

LET 'EM TALK.

SOME WISE GUYS ARE STARTING TO CALL YOU YELLOW, JIM.. I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT NONE OF THEM BELIEVES IT!

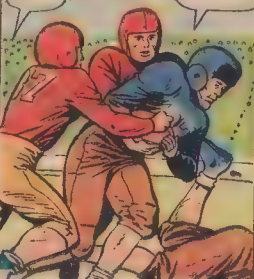
I'M DOING MY BEST TO GET THE KNEE IN SHAPE. TILL THEN, I'M HERE TO HIT THE BOOKS FIRST, AND HIT THE LINE AFTERWARDS!



IN HIS SOPHOMORE YEAR, JIM SHOWED THE CRITICS WHAT HE COULD DO...

TOUCHDOWN FOR FUCHS! LOOKA HIM LUG THOSE TWO CORNELL GUYS OVER WITH HIM!

I THOUGHT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE HURT.



BUT THE CRITICS STILL COMPLAINED THAT JIM "SAT OUT TOO MANY GAMES. THEY DIDN'T KNOW THAT HE WAS PLAYING WITH A KNEE BRACE.. AND EVEN THAT DIDN'T EASE THE PAIN OF BRUISING CONTACT!

IF IT HURTS THAT BAD, JIM, WHY DO YOU EVEN PLAY?

IT DOESN'T FEEL SO BAD IN THE GAME AND THE COACH DOESN'T WORK ME TOO HARD. I'LL BE OKAY.. DON'T WORRY.



IF SOME FANS DIDN'T APPRECIATE JUNGLE JIM, YALE GRID COACH HERMAN HICKMAN DID...

FUCHS GONNA HELP YOU ANY THIS YEAR, COACH?

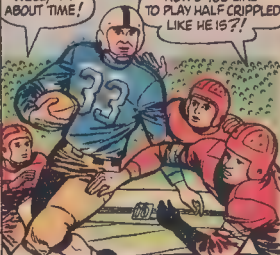
IF HIS KNEE HOLDS UP, I'VE NEVER SEEN A BACK WITH BETTER NATURAL EQUIPMENT... AND REMEMBER, I COACHED DOC BLANCHARD AT WEST POINT!



BUT INJURIES CONTINUED TO PLAGUE THE BIG FULLBACK! IN HIS JUNIOR YEAR, A SPRAINED ANKLE LIMITED HIM TO 11 PLAYS FOR THE WHOLE SEASON! IN HIS SENIOR YEAR, IT WAS A TORN STOMACH MUSCLE... HE DID GET INTO THAT FINAL GAME AGAINST HARVARD, HOWEVER, AND SCORED YALE'S FINAL TOUCHDOWN!

WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME!

HOW'D YOU LIKE TO PLAY HALF CRIPPLED LIKE HE IS?!



BUT LET'S FLASHBACK A MINUTE TO JIM'S HYDE PARK HIGH DAYS AGAIN...

YOU'RE A BIG GUY, JIM... YOU OUGHTA BE A SHOT-PUTTER INSTEAD OF A SPRINTER!

IT LOOKS EASY ENOUGH... LET ME TOSS THAT APPLE ONCE OR TWICE!



WOW! FORTY FEET IF IT'S AN INCH WITH A SIXTEEN POUNDER! AND YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE GOOD FORM! WITH A LITTLE COACHING YOU'D BE SENSATIONAL!

IT SEEMS PRETTY EASY, BUT STUDIES, FOOTBALL AND SPRINTING ARE ENOUGH FOR ME ALREADY!



AT YALE, WITH HIS INJURED KNEE, JIM DIDN'T HAVE MUCH CHANCE OF MAKING THE ELI TRACK TEAM AS A SPRINTER, BUT HE REMEMBERED THAT TIME HE HAD SHOT-PUTTED AT HYDE PARK.

YOU USED TO BE A NATIONAL CHAMP SHOT-PUTTER AT COLUMBIA, FRANK, WEREN'T YOU?.. IS THERE ANY SPECIAL KNACK TO IT?

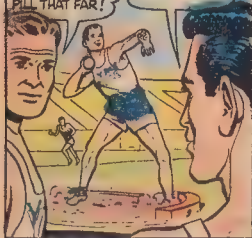
THERE'S NO SECRET, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN. ALL IT TAKES IS MUSCLE AND PRACTICE... MOSTLY PRACTICE!



UNDER ASSISTANT TRACK COACH, FRANK RYAN, FUCHS SOON BLOSSOMED INTO A STAR WEIGHT MAN! BY THE END OF HIS FRESHMAN YEAR, HE WAS HITTING 50 FEET... AFTER HIS JUNIOR YEAR, HE NEVER WENT UNDER 54 FEET.

190 POUNDS ISN'T BIG ENOUGH TO THROW THE IRON PILL THAT FAR!

IT'S NOT WEIGHT IT'S TIMING. HE UNCOILS LIKE A SNAKE!



JIM SURPRISED EVERYBODY, INCLUDING HIMSELF, BY MAKING THE AMERICAN OLYMPIC TEAM IN 1948! HE PLACED 3RD, BEHIND WILBUR THOMPSON AND JIM DELANEY, TO MAKE IT A 1-2-3 FINISH FOR THE YANK SHOT-PUTTERS AT LONDON!

HE'S STILL IMPROVING... HE'LL BREAK A WORLD'S RECORD SOME DAY!

HE'LL HAVE TO GO SOME TO BEAT JACK TORRANCE'S MARK IT'S STOOD SINCE 1934!



THE NEXT WEEK, AT PARIS, JIM GOT SOME "IMPROVEMENT" FROM AN UNEXPECTED QUARTER... A BUMBLEBEE STUNG HIM IN THE STOMACH JUST AS HE RELEASED A TOSS... THE SUDDEN PAIN MADE HIM UNCOIL LIKE LIGHTNING AND...

OUCH! MON DIEU! EET IS INDEED ZE WINNING THROW!



HE BEE PROMPTLY DISAPPEARED. BUT JIM NO LONGER NEEDED ITS HELP! BY THE SUMMER OF 1949 HE WAS THE WORLD'S TOP SHOT-PUTTER...POSSIBLY THE GREATEST THAT EVER LIVED...

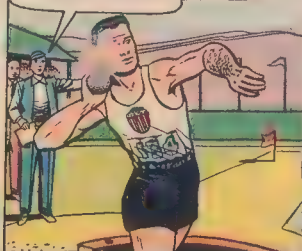
NICE VACATION... A TOUR OF SCANDINAVIA ON AN AAU EXPENSE ACCOUNT... ALL WE GOTTA DO IS RUN AND JUMP AND STUFF!

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING TO THOSE COUNTRIES... I UNDERSTAND THEY REALLY APPRECIATE SHOT-PUTTERS THERE!

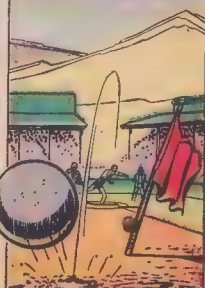


IN AMERICA, SHOT-PUTTERS ARE CONSIDERED A "NECESSARY EVIL"... BUT LAST SUMMER, AT OSLO, NORWAY, ALL EYES WERE ON JIM FUCHS AS HE SET HIS SIGHTS ON CHARLIE FONVILLE'S NEW WORLD'S RECORD IN THE SIXTEEN POUND SHOT-PUT.

THAT FLAG IS FONVILLE'S MARK, JIM... JUST TOSS IT FURTHER!



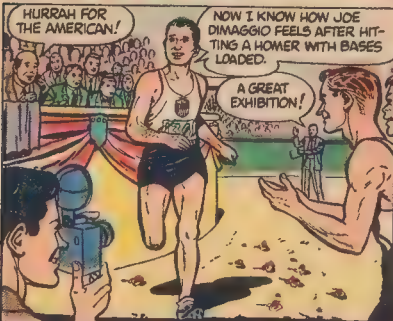
JIM WAS EQUAL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CROWD! ONE OF HIS PRODIGIOUS HEAVES TRAVELED 58 FEET, 4 1/2 INCHES. A NEW WORLD'S RECORD!



HURRAH FOR THE AMERICAN!

NOW I KNOW HOW JOE DIMAGGIO FEELS AFTER HITTING A HOMER WITH BASES LOADED.

A GREAT EXHIBITION!



THE ELATED NORWEGIANS MADE JIM TAKE AN HONORARY "TOUR OF THE TRACK" AND GAVE HIM A SOLID 10-MINUTE OVATION... COMPLETE WITH FLOWERS!

THE FOOTBALL CHUMP HAD BECOME A SHOT-PUT CHAMP, BUT THERE WERE STILL THOSE CRIES OF "YELLOW" TO BE SILENCED... ONE NIGHT IN NEW YORK...

GOT A MATCH, BUD?

I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS GUY...



THIS IS A STICKUP... OOOO!

ALL WRONG, FRIEND! IT WAS A STICKUP!



WHEN WORD OF JIM'S EXPLOIT REACHED NEW HAVEN, THE CRITICS HAD TO EAT THEIR WORDS.

HE PLAYS THREE YEARS OF VARSITY FOOTBALL DESPITE ALL THOSE INJURIES, AND EVEN SCORES A TOUCHDOWN AGAINST HARVARD.

THEN KO'S A GUNMAN WITH HIS BARE HANDS... WHO THE DICKENS EVER CALLED HIM YELLOW!?



THE LATEST OF THE "MAGNIFICENT WRECKS" RECORDS IS HIS UNOFFICIAL HEAVE OF 58 5/2" AT LOS ANGELES. THIS SHOULD SOON RECEIVE OFFICIAL SANCTION AS TOPS IN THE 16 POUND SHOT-PUT!

NATURE MAY HAVE INTENDED JIM FUCHS TO BE A FOOTBALL IMMORTAL, BUT THE FATES HANDED HIM A SHOT-PUT AS HIS TICKET TO ATHLETIC FAME INSTEAD! FANS WHO DOUBTED HIS COURAGE... NOW ADMIT THAT "JUNGLE JIM" IS ONE OF THE GREATEST ATHLETES EVER TO WEAR THE ELI BLUE.. IN FACT, JIM FUCHS MAY VERY WELL REACH 60 FEET... A MARK NO OTHER MAN HAS EVER COME CLOSE TO!



THE END

SPORT SHORTS

TOPS IN ANYBODY'S LEAGUE . . . When the mighty Georgia football eleven of 1942 was blasting its way to top national honors, its spectacular back, Frankie Sinkwich, was blasting to the top of all sports pages with sensational headlines. What many people did not know was that a good part of Sinkwich's success was due to the bruising work done by George Poeschner, an end, and Frankie's closest friend. In fact, Frank refused to go to Georgia unless the school also accepted George.

Gradually football people began to realize that it was George with his unusual ability to catch forward passes, run interference, and take out would-be tacklers who was spreading glory roses in Frankie's path. When Georgia went on to the Rose Bowl and won, George was content to stay in the background and let his pal take the glory.

Then the war came, and George went into the army to play in a bigger game. He was shot in the head and for three days lay unconscious in no man's land. When they found him, hope for his recovery was slight. But, George came through. Again, he got no headlines. That's George Poeschner! He came out of football an All-American and he came out of the war an All-American. **BABE RUTH SPORTS** salutes this unsung hero, who lost both his arms and both his legs blocking for Uncle Sam.

ON THE BALL . . . Wally Ulrich of Austin, Minn., was disqualified from the United States open golf tournament when he told the officials that he had incorrectly reported his score. However, Joe Dey, United States Golf Association executive secretary, said that Ulrich would receive the \$100 prize he gained by being among the first twenty, anyway, because of "his sportsmanship."

STILL SETTING THEM UP . . . Another of modern baseball's greats hit the headlines this past season because of his spectacular play. Bob Feller, called by many "the fastest pitcher in the last twenty-five years," achieved one of the prize goals of all pitchers. He won his 200th game. Whether or not "Rapid Robert" can enter the very exclusive circle of pitchers who have won 300 games can't be known for sure, but the odds are against it. Feller spent four seasons in the Navy and when he returned, he bore down too hard trying to make up the lost ground. A great deal of zing has gone out of his pitches.

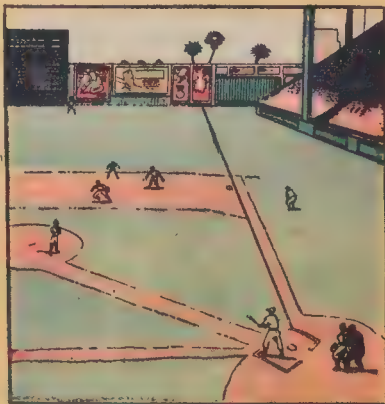
Nonetheless, Bob Feller is still tops. Realizing that his fast ball is not what it used to be, Bob has begun to use a sharp curve more and more. One of the deeds that Feller is especially proud of is his breaking of Rube Waddell's strike-out record of 347.

In a 1936 game, when Bob was first starting up the road to fame, Leo Durocher was batting against Feller. "Rapid Robert" burned two fast strikes down the middle which almost tore Leo's eyebrows off. As Feller wound up for the third pitch, Leo laid down his bat and walked away.

"You have another strike coming," said the umpire.

"No, thanks," said the trembling Durocher, "I don't want it."

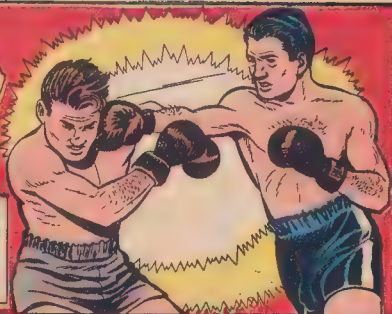
DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . Hal Trosky set the Cleveland Indian record for home runs in a single season by an individual player when he hit 42 in 1936? Of course, Babe Ruth holds the record with 60 . . . The curtain is about to fall on the final scene in the last baseball act of Connie Mack and, looking back, life has been cheery for the man who managed the Philadelphia Athletics for fifty years. Connie, who made his pro debut as catcher in 1884, will step completely out of the diamond picture this season . . . Ralph Kiner, slugging outfielder of the Pittsburgh Pirates who led the National League in runs-batted-in last year with 127, was the first right-handed batter to win the circuit's R.B.I. title since Frank McCormick turned the trick in 1939 . . . Gus Suhr, Pittsburgh first baseman who played in 833 consecutive games from Sept. 11, 1931, to June 4, 1937, holds the National League record for most consecutive games . . . Gabby Hartnett set the major league record for home runs in a single season by a catcher when he hit 37 in 141 games for the Chicago Cubs in 1930.



JAKE LAMOTTA

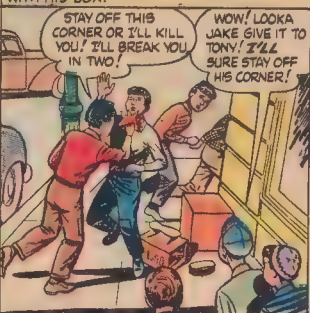
BOXING'S MOST CONTROVERSIAL CHAMP!

THE MOST ABUSED TITLEHOLDER IN THE RING TODAY, IS THE MUCH-MALIGNED **JAKE LAMOTTA**, MIDDLE-WEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD. MOST EXPERTS CALL JAKE AN **ALSO-RAN** WHO DOESN'T DESERVE THE CROWN. BUT, IT TOOK THE DETERMINED "**BRONX BULL**" YEARS TO GET TO THE TOP, AND HE'S DETERMINED TO STAY THERE AS LONG AS HE CAN.



JAKE LAMOTTA WAS BORN A POOR BOY, THE OLDEST OF FIVE CHILDREN, ON NEW YORK'S DIRTY **LOWER EAST SIDE**. HIS PARENTS DIDN'T GET ALONG...WERE OFTEN SEPARATED...AND THE **STRUGGLE** FOR JAKE'S FAMILY WAS **HARD**. THE PRODUCT OF A **BAD ENVIRONMENT** AND AN UNHAPPY HOME, JAKE HAD A **TERRIBLE START** IN LIFE.

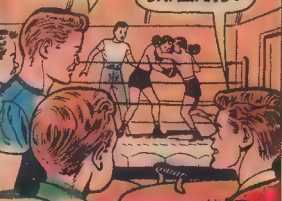
JAKE LAMOTTA'S SCHOOLING DIDN'T GO TOO FAR. HE GRADUATED FROM GRADE SCHOOL, AND, THEN, NEVER HAD A REAL JOB. HE SHINED SHOES IN A **ROUGH, TOUGH** NEIGHBORHOOD...AND FOUGHT THE OTHER KIDS FOR THE PLACE TO WORK WITH HIS BOX.



IN THESE SURROUNDINGS, JAKE WAS BOUND TO GO WRONG. AND HE DID. HE GOT INTO TROUBLE AND SPENT A YEAR AND A HALF IN A CORRECTIONAL HOME FOR JUVENILE DELINQUENTS. BUT WHILE THERE HE STUDIED, READ BOOKS, AND THOUGHT. WHAT WOULD HE DO WHEN HE GOT OUT? HE DECIDED UP-ON BOXING AND TRAINED WHILE AT HOME.

BOY! JAKE'S ALL RIGHT! WHO'S HE SPARRING WITH? HE'S GOOD, TOO!

NEW KID HERE. NAME'S ROCCO BARBELLA. HE CALLS HIMSELF **ROCKY GRAZIANO!**



WHEN JAKE RETURNED HOME, HE WAS A SKINNY 140 POUNDS. FOR SIX WEEKS ALL HE DID WAS EAT...AND HE SHOT UP TO 185. THEN HE WENT TO THE TEASDALE A.C. IN THE BRONX, WHERE HIS BROTHER, JOEY, WAS AN AMATEUR BOXER.

JAKE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP HERE?

FIRST, I WANT TO REDUCE AND GET IN CONDITION. THEN, I WANT TO LEARN TO BE A PROFESSIONAL BOXER.



MIKE CAPRIANO, OWNER OF THE TEASDALE, AND JIMMY MURRAY, TRAINER, TOOK JAKE IN HAND. FOR 10 MONTHS HE WORKED OUT BEFORE THEY LET HIM FIGHT.

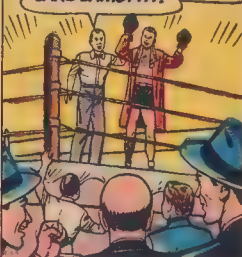
HOW LONG'S THIS GONNA LAST? WHEN DO I FIGHT?

TAKE IT EASY! CHANGING YOU OVER FROM A **SOUTHPAW** TO THE RIGHT WAY TO BOX TAKES LOTSA TIME.



HAVING BEEN A NATURAL LEFTY, JAKE'S FINEST PUNCH BECAME A TERRIFIC **LEFT HOOK**. HE HAD 21 AMATEUR FIGHTS AND WON THEM ALL... HIS AMATEUR CAREER ENDED ON A HIGH NOTE...

WINNER OF THE HEARST NEWSPAPER'S DIAMOND BELT CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISION, JAKE LAMOTTA!

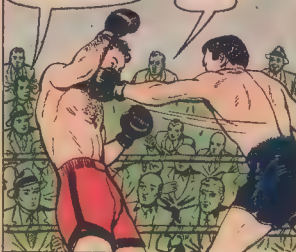


JAKE, THEN 18, WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE ENTERED THE **GOLDEN GLOVES**. BUT HE NEEDED MONEY. HE WAS SUPPORTING HIS FAMILY BY SELLING THE WATCHES HE'D WON AS AN AMATEUR. WITH MIKE CAPRIANO AS HIS MANAGER, HE TURNED **PRO**. HE WEIGHED 170. AT HIS FIRST PRO FIGHT WHICH GOT HIM ALL OF 25 DOLLARS, HE PAID HIS MANAGER, PAID FOR HIS LICENSE, AND HAD VERY LITTLE LEFT FOR HIS TROUBLES.

JAKE WON HIS **FIRST 15** FIGHTS. THEN, A SET-UP WAS NEEDED FOR A **RING KILLER** IN CLEVELAND NAMED **JIMMY REEVES**. WITH A \$300 PURSE, JAKE WAS IT. FOR 7 ROUNDS THE FIGHT WENT AS EXPECTED.

JUST AS EXPECTED. THIS KID AIN'T NO MATCH FOR REEVES.

THE BOOKS ARE SAFE ON THIS ONE.



IN THE CORNER AT THE END OF THE 7TH CAPRIANO CLOSELY EXAMINED HIS YOUNG FIGHTER.

YOUR EYE IS CLOSED! WHAT A SHINER! THIS GUY'S BEEN WAITIN' FOR YOUR LEFT. TRY YOUR RIGHT FROM NOW ON. IF YOU DON'T DO AS I SAY, I'LL STOP THE FIGHT.

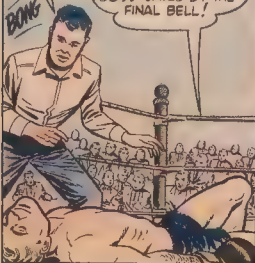
YOU STOP IT. AND I'LL MURDER YOU! I'M GOING OUT AND GET HIM.



LAMOTTA BECAME A **FURIOUS FIGHTING MACHINE**. USING HIS **RIGHT**, HE FLEAST REEVES **10 TIMES** IN THE **LAST 3 ROUNDS!**

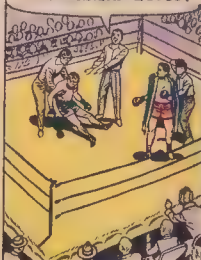
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WOW! WHATTA FINISH! NO KNOCK-OUT! SAVED BY THE FINAL BELL!



THE ARENA WAS IN AN **UP-ROAR** AT THE SPECTACULAR **FINISH**, BUT THE FIGHT FANS WENT WILD WITH **RAGE** AT THE DECISION.

THE **WINNIN'**.. BY A DECISION.. **JIMMY REEVES!**



THEY ALMOST NEEDED THE RIOT SQUAD ON THAT ONE! A MONTH LATER, JAKE LOST TO REEVES AGAIN IN A RE-MATCH. HE FOUGHT OTHER TOUGH OPPONENTS AS WELL AND SLOWLY BECAME A **MAIN BOUT** FIGHTER IN NEW YORK. IN 1942 HE FOUGHT HIS FIRST **10-ROUNDER** IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN.

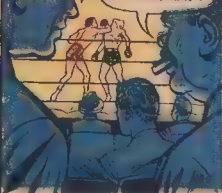
WHO D'YA LIKE, EDGAR OR LAMOTTA? I THINK JIMMY'S TOO GOOD FOR JAKE!

I AGREE! HE'S HANDLED BY **JOHN ROXBOROUGH**, THE SAME GUY WHO'S CO-MANAGING **JOE LOUIS!**



LAMOTTA **UPSET** EDGAR IN A THRILL FILLED BATTLE. THIS STIR-ING VICTORY GOT HIM A MATCH WITH **SUGAR RAY ROBINSON**. BUT RAY WAS TOO GOOD. JAKE LOST. HE WENT TO DETROIT FOR THE RE-MATCH WITH JIMMY EDGAR.

LAMOTTA'S REALLY YOU KNOW WHAT ARRIVED! HE'S GOT THAT MEANS... EDGAR LICKED ANOTHER MATCH FOR HIM AGAINST **SUGAR RAY!**



DETROIT WAS BECOMING JAKE'S **GOOD LUCK** TOWN. EARLY IN '43, HE FOUGHT HIS SECOND MATCH WITH **SUGAR RAY**. THE DETROIT OLYMPIA WAS PACKED WITH 19,000 SCREAMING FANS AS THE FIGHTERS MET IN THE CENTER OF THE RING.

YOU MEN BOTH KNOW THE RULES. NO ROUGH STUFF A CLEAN BREAK, AND MAY THE BEST MAN WIN!

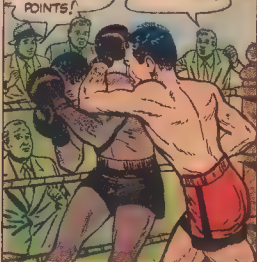
WHY NOT? HE'S WON 129 AMATEUR AND PRO FIGHTS WITHOUT DEFEAT!



THAT NIGHT, JAKE LAMOTTA FOUGHT WHAT WAS PERHAPS THE GREATEST FIGHT OF HIS ENTIRE CAREER.

BOY WHAT A FIGHT! WHAT AN UPSET! JAKE'S WAY AHEAD ON POINTS!

WOW! WHATTA LEFT! ROBBIE'S GOING DOWN! IT'S LAMOTTA'S FIGHT ALL THE WAY!

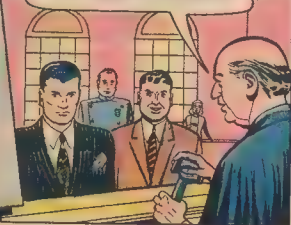


THINGS, NOW, BEGAN TO LOOK MUCH BRIGHTER FOR JAKE AND WHEN HE LOST A RE-MATCH WITH RAY ROBINSON HE DIDN'T MIND TOO MUCH. HE HAD HIS OWN HOME, HIS FAMILY WAS TOGETHER AGAIN AND WAS HAPPY. JAKE HAD MARRIED AND WAS THE BEAMING FATHER OF A LITTLE GIRL!



1944, HOWEVER, WAS A BAD YEAR. JAKE'S FAMILY BROKE UP AND BECAUSE OF A VIOLENT DISAGREEMENT WITH HIS MANAGER, THE BULL WAS ARRESTED ON A FELONIOUS ASSAULT CHARGE, AFTER A HEARING BEFORE THE GRAND JURY...

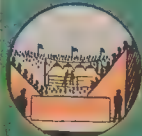
JAKE LAMOTTA, THE GRAND JURY HAS DECIDED THAT THE EVIDENCE IS INSUFFICIENT FOR AN INDICTMENT. YOU ARE THEREBY CLEARED.



JAKE TOOK ON JIMMY MURRAY AS HIS NEW MANAGER. IN FEBRUARY 1945, HE TOOK ON RAY ROBINSON FOR THE FOURTH TIME AND LOST BY A UNANIMOUS DECISION. BUT, OTHER THINGS WERE KEEPING LAMOTTA BUSY... THE AMBITIOUS PUGILIST HAD BECOME THE OWNER OF...



A PARKING LOT ACROSS THE STREET FROM YANKEE STADIUM



TWO FIGHT ARENAS



A HOT DOG CONCESSION

THUS, FINANCIALLY INSURED AGAINST THE DAY WHEN HE'D EVENTUALLY QUIT BOXING, JAKE WANTED NOTHING MORE NOW THAN THE CHANCE TO WIN THE MIDDLEWEIGHT CROWN.

WHAT CHANCE DO I HAVE FOR THE TITLE? I'M SUPPOSED TO BE NO. 1 MIDDLE-WEIGHT, BUT THESE TWO GUYS HAVE BEEN PASSING THE CHAMPIONSHIP BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THEM!

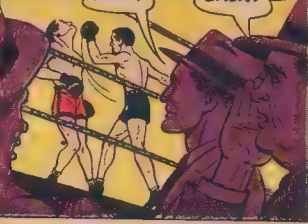


JAKE'S TROUBLES INCREASED. HIS MARRIAGE ENDED IN DIVORCE AND HE RE-MARRIED. HE QUARRELED WITH HIS MANAGER, THEY BROKE UP AND HE GOT A NEW MANAGER. THEN, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY GOT A TIP THAT JAKE'S FIGHT WITH TONY JANIRO WAS "FIXED," BUT JAKE, DOWN TO 154 1/2, BEAT TONY EASILY.



JAKE'S TROUBLES GOT WORSE. POSSIBLY WEAKENED BY MAKING LOW WEIGHT FOR JANIRO, HE LOST HIS NEXT BOUT TO A HAS-BEEN. THE UGLY RUMORS BEGAN AGAIN AS HE PREPARED FOR HIS NEXT BOUT AGAINST BILLY FOX. AND, THE FIGHT DID LOOK BAD.

BILLY'S HITTING JAKE LIKE A PUNCHING BAG! THROWN SOME PUNCHES JAKE! YOU'RE NOT THE "FIX" MUST REALLY BE ON! EVEN FIGHTING BACK!



LAMOTTA WAS COUNTED OUT AT THE END OF THE FOURTH ROUND, YET WAS NOT ONCE KNOCKED DOWN! THE SPORTSWRITERS RAISED A HUE AND CRY, CALLING THE FIGHT A FAKE. THOUGH BOXING COMMISSIONER EDDIE EAGAN SAID THE BOUT HAD LOOKED ALL RIGHT TO HIM, HE HAD TO TAKE SOME ACTION.

LAMOTTA, WE CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING AGAINST YOU, BUT YOU DIDN'T GIVE THE FANS A FIGHT. YOU'RE FINED \$4,000 AND SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY.



JAKE CLAIMED HE'D BEEN HURT. HE PRODUCED A DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE AS PROOF, BUT THE FINE STUCK, AND THE SUSPENSION, TOO, FOR SEVEN MONTHS. WHEN JAKE RETURNED TO ACTION, HE WON SIX WARM-UP FIGHTS, THEN LOST TO LAURENT DAUTHVILLE OF FRANCE. HIS NEXT FIGHT, AGAINST ROBERT VILLEMAIN, CAUSED THE CONTROVERSY OF THE YEAR.

I THOUGHT VILLEMAIN HAD NO PUNCH! HE'S WAY AHEAD ON POINTS! JAKE DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE, UNLESS HE KNOCKS HIM OUT!



EVERYBODY IN THE ARENA SAW VILLEMAIN CLEARLY OUTPOINT LAMOTTA... EVERYBODY, THAT IS, BUT TWO OF THE THREE OFFICIALS. WHEN JAKE WAS GIVEN THE DECISION, THE NEWSPAPERS AGAIN RAISED A HUE AND CRY, FAR GREATER THAN BEFORE. COMMISSIONER EAGAN, IN A STARTLING MOVE, TOOK AN UNPRECEDENTED ACTION.

HOW YOU TWO MEN COULD HAVE GIVEN THAT FIGHT TO LAMOTTA IS BEYOND ALL IMAGINATION. YOU'RE BOTH SUSPENDED AS FIGHT OFFICIALS, INDEFINITELY.



JAKE LAMOTTA, EVERYBODY THOUGHT, WAS NOW **WASHED UP** AS A MIDDLE-WEIGHT CONTENDER, BUT BOXING IS A FUNNY GAME. MARCEL CERDAN WAS CHAMPION. THEN **TONY ZALE**, CHALLENGER SUDDENLY RETIRED. BOXING PROMOTERS' POLITICS BEGAN TO BOIL...AND SUDDENLY THE **NEW CHALLENGER'S** NAME WAS **JAKE LAMOTTA!**



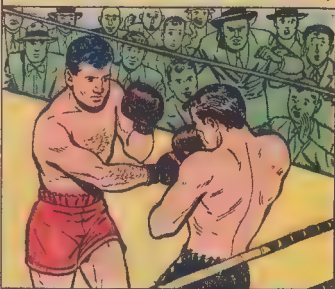
THIS WAS JAKE'S CHANCE, THE CHANCE HE HAD SO LONG BEEN WAITING FOR! HE WON A WARM-UP MATCH WITH JOEY DEJOHN, THEN WENT TO **DETROIT**, HIS LUCKY CITY FOR THE BIG CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT. EARLY ON THE MORNING OF THE FIGHT, JAKE AND HIS MANAGER WENT TO THE BOXING COMMISSION OFFICE FOR AN UN-OFFICIAL WEIGH IN.

GOSH, JAKE! LOOK! YOU'RE A POUND AND A HALF OVER THE **150 LIMIT!** YOU HAVE TO LOSE IT BEFORE THE **OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN** OR THE FIGHT **WON'T BE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP!**

C'MON LET'S GO TO A **TURKISH BATH!** WE ONLY HAVE **TWO HOURS!**



JAKE LOST TWO POUNDS AND MADE THE WEIGHT. THOUGH RAIN POSTPONED THE FIGHT A DAY, HE STAYED UNDER THE LIMIT. THEN CAME JAKE'S BIG HOUR, THE NIGHT OF **JUNE 16, 1949**, AT **BRIGGS STADIUM, DETROIT**. WITH THE GONG, JAKE TOOK THE ATTACK AND THE CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT WAS ON!



FOR NINE FULL ROUNDS JAKE KEPT ATTACKING. THEN, AT THE START OF ROUND 10, CAME A STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! MARCEL CERDAN IS UNABLE TO ANSWER THE BELL FOR ROUND TEN. THE **WINNER... AND NEW MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD... JAKE LAMOTTA!**

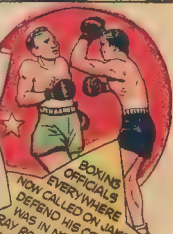


THE BRAVE FRENCHMAN HAD HURT HIS LEFT SHOULDER IN THE VERY FIRST ROUND. COURAGEOUSLY HE HAD FOUGHT **NINE ROUNDS** WITH ONE HAND ONLY, UNTIL HIS HANDLERS WOULD NO LONGER ALLOW HIM TO CONTINUE.

JAKE S'GNEED WITH CERDAN FOR A RE-MATCH IN SEPTEMBER. JUST BEFORE THE BOUT, JAKE CLAIMED AN INJURY AND THE FIGHT WAS POSTPONED TILL DECEMBER. IT WAS WHILE FLYING HERE FOR THE POSTPONED CONTEST THAT THE BELOVED CERDAN MET HIS TRAGIC PLANE CRASH DEATH.



JAKE WAS SICK AT CERDAN'S TERRIBLE ACCIDENT. HE REALIZED THAT THE POSTPONED FIGHT HAD CAUSED THE FRENCHMAN'S DEATH. A WEEK AFTER THE 2ND MATCH WAS TO HAVE BEEN HELD, JAKE MET ROBERT VILLEMANN, AGAIN, AND ONCE MORE WAS SOUNDLY TROUNCED.. AND LOST THE DECISION, TOO. BUT IT WAS A NON-TITLE MATCH!



EVERYWHERE NOW CALLED ON JAKE TO DEFEND HIS CROWN. BUT JAKE WAS IN NO HURRY. SUGAR RAY ROBINSON FROM NEW YORK FIGHT VILLEMANN FOR THE MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE. IN A MATCH RECOGNIZED ONLY IN PENNSYLVANIA, JAKE GIVEN AN ULTIMATUM BY THE BOXING BOARD SIGNED HIS FOE... HIS OLD PAL, **ROCKY GRAZIANO!**

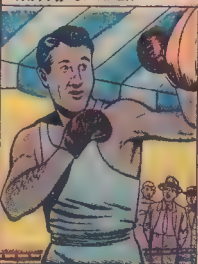


I DON'T LIKE TO FIGHT A **PAL**, JAKE, BUT I WANT MY OLD MIDDLE-WEIGHT CROWN BACK.

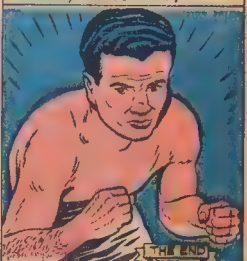
IT TOOK ME A LONG TIME TO GET IT, ROCKY, AND I DON'T INTEND GIVING IT UP SO SOON.



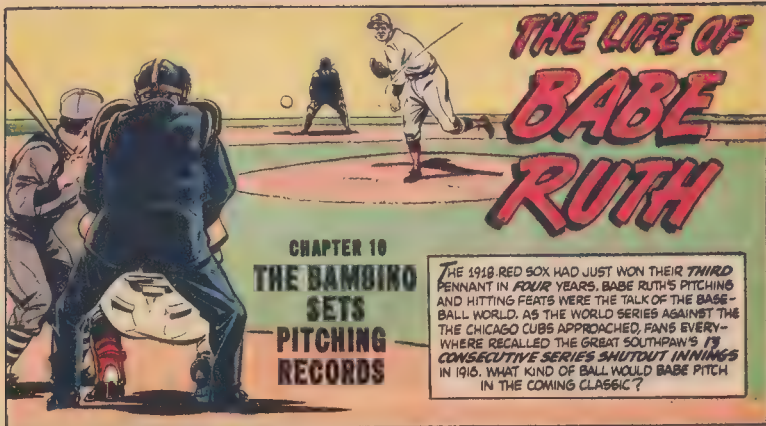
THIS WAS A MATCH THE BOXING WORLD WAS WAITING TO SEE. BUT GRAZIANO BROKE A HAND IN TRAINING. JAKE HAD TO FIND ANOTHER CHALLENGER. HE FINALLY SIGNED HIS MAN -- THE PROMISING **TIBERIO MITRI** OF ITALY.



THE BAD BOY FROM THE BRONX, JAKE "THE BULL" LAMOTTA, ON JULY 13, AGAIN PROVED HIS METTLE BY SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDING HIS RECENTLY WON MIDDLEWEIGHT CROWN AGAINST ITALY'S LEADING CONTENDER FOR MIDDLEWEIGHT HONORS, **TIBERIO MITRI!**



THE END



CHAPTER 10 THE BAMBOO SETS PITCHING RECORDS

THE 1919 RED SOX HAD JUST WON THEIR **THIRD** PENNANT IN **FOUR** YEARS. BABE RUTH'S PITCHING AND HITTING FEATS WERE THE TALK OF THE BASE-BALL WORLD. AS THE WORLD SERIES AGAINST THE CHICAGO CUBS APPROACHED, FANS EVERYWHERE RECALLED THE GREAT SOUTHPAW'S **17 CONSECUTIVE SERIES SHUTOUT INNINGS** IN 1916. WHAT KIND OF BALL WOULD BABE PITCH IN THE COMING CLASSIC?

IT RAINED ON OPENING DAY OF THE 1918 SERIES IN CHICAGO. BABE WAS SITTING AROUND THE HOTEL RESTLESSLY WHEN MANAGER BARROW CALLED HIM TO HIS ROOM.



BABE, EVERYBODY'S EXPECTING ME TO START **CARL MAYS** TOMORROW, WITH YOU IN LEFT FIELD. BUT I'M CROSSING THEM UP! I'M PITCHING **YOU!** KEEP QUIET ABOUT IT.



THAT'S GREAT, ED! I ALWAYS WANTED TO PITCH AN OPENING WORLD SERIES GAME.



IN THE CLUB-HOUSE BEFORE THE FIRST GAME, BARROW BRIEFED BABE ON THE CHICAGO HITTERS... THE BEGINNING OF A FUNNY-BABE RUTH STORY.



BE CAREFUL PITCHING TO LES MANN. HE'S TOUGH AGAINST LEFT-HANDERS, BABE. IN FACT, IT'LL DO GOOD TO DUST HIM OFF A BIT SO HE WON'T DIG IN AT THE PLATE!



BABE WAS FAMOUS FOR **NEVER** REMEMBERING NAMES AND FACES. THE UMP CALLED 'PLAY BALL' AND THE FIRST CUB BATTER STEPPED TO THE PLATE. A RUGGED LITTLE LEFT-HANDER WHO TOOK A FIRM TOE-HOLD AT THE DISH...

THIS GUY MUST BE MANN... HE REALLY DOES DIG IN... I'LL LOSEN HIM UP A BIT!

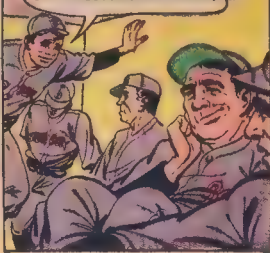


THE BABE WOUND UP... FIRED HIS FAST BALL **DUSTER** IN... AND SMACKED THE BATTER RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE **FOREHEAD!**



THE BATTER WASN'T HURT, FORTUNATELY, BUT THE ACCIDENT SO UNNERVED THE BABE THAT THE BASES BECAME LOADED AND HIS SHUT-OUT INNING STRING ALMOST BROKE BEFORE HE GOT OUT OF THE INNING. AS BABE ENTERED THE DUGOUT HE SAID TO BARROW JAUNTILY...

WELL, ED, I GUESS I TOOK CARE OF THAT GUY **MANN** FOR YOU!

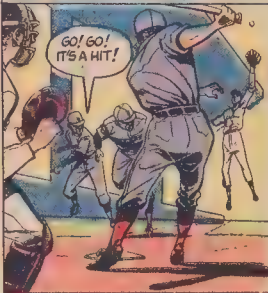


BARROW LAUGHED SO HARD HE NEARLY FELL OFF THE BENCH.

BABE, YOU NEVER COULD REMEMBER A NAME OR A FACE AND YOU NEVER WILL. THAT WASN'T MA'NN YOU HIT... THAT WAS **MAX FLACK!**



IN THE SECOND INNING, BABE SETTLED DOWN AND BEGAN PITCHING AIR-TIGHT BALL. THE SOX SCORED **ONE RUN** FOR HIM IN THE FOURTH. WITH RUNNERS ON FIRST AND THIRD, **MAX FLACK** LINED A SINGLE OVER THIRD TO DRIVE IN THE TALLY.



THAT ONE RUN WAS ALL THE BABE NEEDED. INNING AFTER INNING HE SET THE CUB BATTERS DOWN, AND THE OPENING GAME OF THE 1918 WORLD SERIES ENDED AS A **1-0 SHUTOUT!**

ATTABOY, BABE! THAT'S **22 CONSECUTIVE SHUTOUT WORLD SERIES INNINGS** YOU'VE PITCHED, BABE!



IT WAS ALSO A ROUGH-AND-READY BENCH JOCKEYING SERIES FROM THE VERY FIRST GAME. THE PLAYERS RODE ONE ANOTHER MERCILESSLY. FINALLY, HEINIE WAGNER, COACH OF THE SOX, CHARGED THE CUB BENCH TO GET AT BIG JIM VAUGHN, THE BABE'S FIRST GAME PITCHING OPPONENT.

WHY, YOU BIG FREAK LEFT-HANDED SO- AND-SO! I'LL KNOCK YOUR BIG STUPID BLOCK OFF, YA BUM!



THAT STARTED IT! IN A JIFFY, BOTH BENCHES WERE CLEAR OF PLAYERS.



THE BABE, AS ALWAYS, WAS RIGHT IN THE CENTER OF THINGS. BUT MANAGER BARROW WOULDN'T LET HIM GET TOO INVOLVED...

JUST LEMME SLUG THIS GUY ONCE MORE, ED!



THERE WAS OTHER TROUBLE DURING THE SERIES, TOO. THIS TIME BOTH TEAMS GOT TOGETHER. BEFORE THE FIFTH GAME THEY ALMOST PULLED A STRIKE, BECAUSE OF THE WAR THE GATE WAS SMALL AND PRICES HAD NOT BEEN RAISED.

WE'RE GETTIN' PEANUTS OUTA THIS SERIES. WE DESERVE MORE DOUGH!

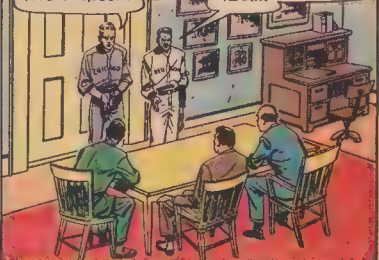
WHAT'S WORSE, THE OTHER FIRST DIVISION TEAMS ARE GETTIN' A CUT OF THE GATE FOR THE FIRST TIME!

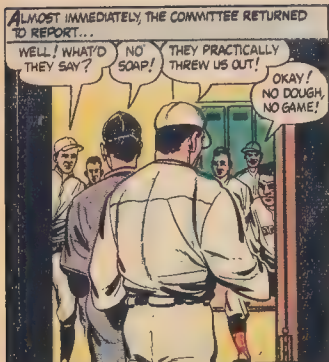


BEFORE THE TEAMS WOULD TAKE THE FIELD, HARRY HOOPER OF THE SOX AND LES MANN OF THE CUBS WERE SENT AS A COMMITTEE TO TALK TO THE THREE-MAN **NATIONAL BASEBALL COMMISSION**...

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...OR THE PURSES OF THE OTHER FIRST DIVISION TEAMS BE GIVEN TO US THIS YEAR...





ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, THE COMMITTEE RETURNED TO REPORT...

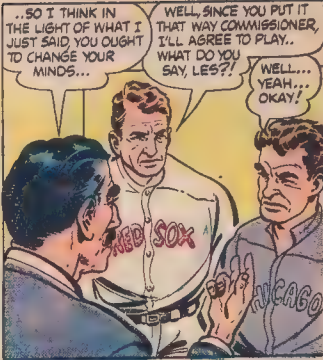
WELL! WHAT'D THEY SAY?

NO SOAP!

THEY PRACTICALLY THREW US OUT!

OKAY! NO DOUGH, NO GAME!

SO BOTH TEAMS REFUSED TO TAKE THE FIELD. EVEN THE MANDR OF BOSTON TALKED TO THE RED SOX IN VAIN. THE CROWD IN THE STANDS WAS GETTING IMPATIENT. THE POLICE RIOT SQUAD WAS CALLED. FINALLY, HOOPER AND MANN MET THE THREE COMMISSIONERS AGAIN IN THE UMPIRE ROOM...



..SO I THINK IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT I JUST SAID YOU OUGHT TO CHANGE YOUR MINDS...

WELL, SINCE YOU PUT IT THAT WAY COMMISSIONER, I'LL AGREE TO PLAY.. WHAT DO YOU SAY, LES?!

WELL... YEAH... OKAY!



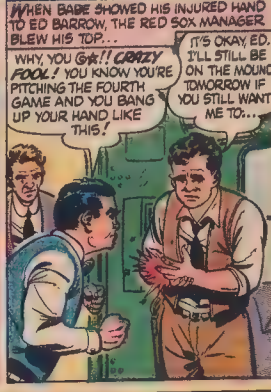
MAYOR "HONEY" FITZGERALD HIMSELF MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE STANDS...

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! FOR THE SAKE OF THE PUBLIC AND THE INJURED SERVICEMEN IN THE STANDS, THE PLAYERS HAVE AGREED TO PLAY!



BUT LET'S GO BACK A DAY OR SO IN OUR STORY.. AS THE TEAMS TRAVELED TO BOSTON FOR THE FOURTH GAME OF THE SERIES, THE BABE, AS USUAL, WAS WRESTLING WITH A TEAMMATE ON THE TRAIN...

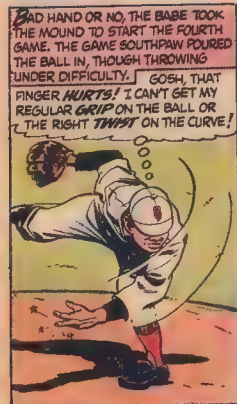
OWWWW! MY HAND!



WHEN BABE SHOWED HIS INJURED HAND TO ED BARROW, THE RED SOX MANAGER BLEW HIS TOP...

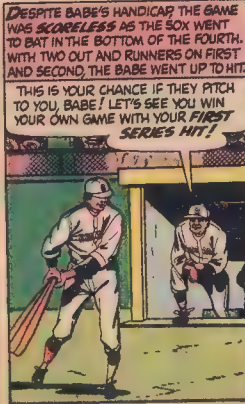
WHY, YOU GA!! CRAZY FOOL! YOU KNOW YOU'RE PITCHING THE FOURTH GAME AND YOU BANG UP YOUR HAND LIKE THIS!

IT'S OKAY, ED. I'LL STILL BE ON THE MOUND TOMORROW IF YOU STILL WANT ME TO...



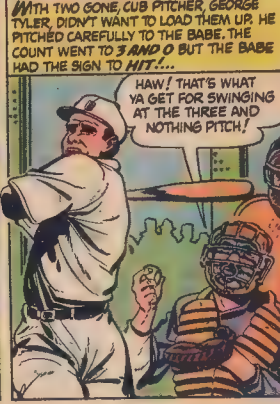
BAD HAND OR NO, THE BABE TOOK THE MOUND TO START THE FOURTH GAME. THE GAME SOUTHPAW POURED THE BALL IN, THOUGH THROWING UNDER DIFFICULTY..

GOSH, THAT FINGER HURTS! I CAN'T GET MY REGULAR GRIP ON THE BALL OR THE RIGHT TWIST ON THE CURVE!



DESPITE BABE'S HANDICAP, THE GAME WAS SCORELESS AS THE SOX WENT TO BAT IN THE BOTTOM OF THE FOURTH. WITH TWO OUT AND RUNNERS ON FIRST AND SECOND, THE BABE WENT UP TO HIT.

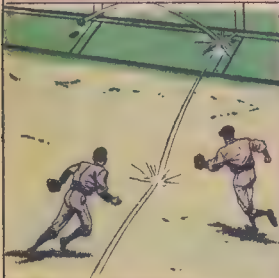
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE IF THEY PITCH TO YOU, BABE! LET'S SEE YOU WIN YOUR OWN GAME WITH YOUR FIRST SERIES HIT!



WITH TWO GONE, CUB PITCHER, GEORGE TYLER, DIDN'T WANT TO LOAD THEM UP. HE PITCHED CAREFULLY TO THE BABE. THE COUNT WENT TO 3 AND 0 BUT THE BABE HAD THE SIGN TO HIT...

HAW! THAT'S WHAT YA GET FOR SWINGING AT THE THREE AND NOTHING PITCH!

BABE LET THE NEXT PITCH GO BY FOR STRIKE TWO... TYLER STUDIED THE BATTER FOR A LONG TIME... THEN TRIED TO SNEAK HIS **FAST BALL** BY, BABE SWUNG... AND SENT A TREMENDOUS DRIVE TO **DEEP RIGHT FIELD**...



BOTH RUNNERS SCORED, AND THE BABE ZOOMED INTO THIRD WITH A BOOMING **TRIPLE**...

ATTABOY, BABE! THAT GIVES YOU TWO RUNS TO WORK ON!



FOR THREE MORE INNINGS, BABE PITCHED SHUTOUT BALL, NURSING HIS 2-0 LEAD. FINALLY, IN THE EIGHTH THE CUBS BROKE THE ICE, **TIEING THE SCORE** OFF THE SOUTHPAW'S ACHING PITCHING HAND...



BUT THE SOX CAME RIGHT BACK. WALLY SHANG LED OFF THE BOTTOM OF THE EIGHTH WITH A PINCH SINGLE AND TOOK SECOND ON A PASSED BALL. HARRY HOOPER SACRIFICED...



...AND WHEN RELIEF SPITBALL PITCHER, PHIL DOUGLAS, FIRED THE WET PILL INTO RIGHT FIELD, SHANG SCORED FROM SECOND! THE SOX LED 3-2!

BUT BABE QUICKLY GOT INTO TROUBLE IN THE TOP OF THE NINTH. FRED MERKLE, THE OLD **GIANT**, LED OFF WITH A WALK. BABE COULD NOT FIND THE PLATE FOR THE NEXT HITTER EITHER...

BALL FOUR! TAKE YER BASE!

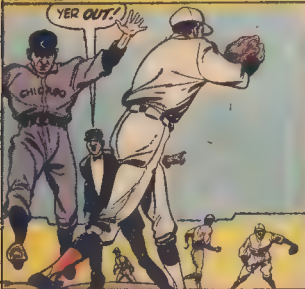


THAT WAS ALL FOR THE BABE. HE DIDN'T KNOW IT THEN, BUT HE HAD PITCHED TO HIS **LAST** BATTER IN A WORLD SERIES GAME.

I'M SORRY, BABE. WE CAN'T LET YOU GO ON WITH THAT BUM HAND. GO ON OUT TO LEFT FIELD...

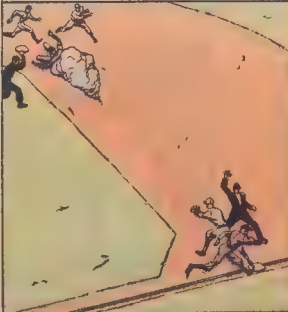


WITH RUNNERS ON FIRST AND SECOND AND **NOBODY OUT**, JOE BUSH CAME IN TO RELIEVE. THEN FIRST SACKER **STUFFY M'INNIS** MADE A GREAT PLAY. CASHING IN ON AN ATTEMPTED SACRIFICE BUNT, HE FIRED THE BALL TO THIRD...



...AND FORCED MERKLE AT THIRD...

THE NEXT HITTER, A PINCH-HITTER, RAMMED A GROUNDNER TO EVERETT SCOTT AT SHORT. A QUICK **DOUBLE PLAY** AND THE GAME WAS OVER!



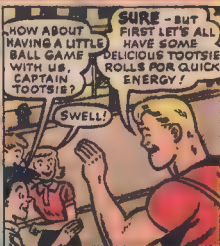
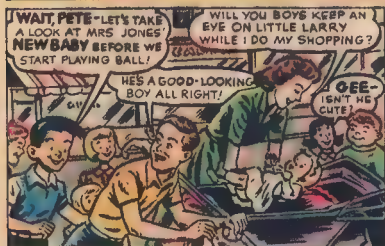
THUS ENDED THE BABE'S GREAT WORLD SERIES PITCHING CAREER. **THREE VICTORIES AND NO DEFEATS**, AND A RECORD OF **29 CONSECUTIVE SCORELESS INNINGS**... A RECORD WHICH **STILL STANDS TODAY**.

THE SOX WENT ON TO WIN THE 1918 WORLD SERIES 4 GAMES TO 2. IN THE NEXT CHAPTER YOU'LL GET IN ON THE BEGINNING OF A **NEW ERA** IN BASEBALL AS BABE RUTH SETS NEW **HOME RUN** AND **SLUGGING** RECORDS.

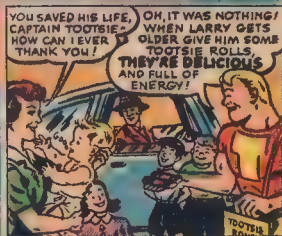
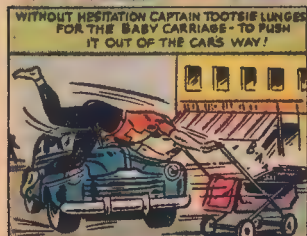
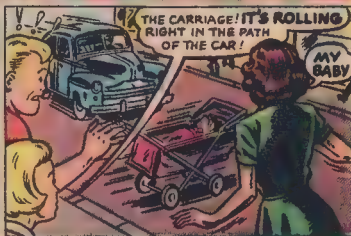
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